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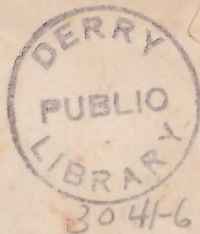








*Sam. Hale*  
ANNUAL REPORT



OF THE

SELECTMEN AND AUDITORS,

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

OF THE

TOWN OF DERRY,

FOR 1848—9.

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1849.





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TOWN OF DUBLIN

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## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

### *Roads and Bridges.*

1848.

Sept. 19.	To paid John Currier's bill for breaking roads in 1847,	\$1 50
Oct. 9.	William Anderson's bill, work on stone bridge,	200 00
13.	Caleb Page for damages widening road,	38 00
Nov. 22.	Daniel T. Bond for labor on bridge,	2 25
Dec. 30.	Samuel Marshall, stone for Bridge,	1 00

1849.

Jan. 20.	William Anderson for breaking road,	23 97
	E. Adams for bridge stone,	2 00
	J. H. Adams for breaking roads,	1 00
	W. Adams for breaking roads,	1 00
	E. T. Clark for breaking roads,	1 50
	John Perkins for labor on road,	3 00
	Palmer & Barker for bridge plank,	1 08
	John Patten for damage widening road,	10 00
27	S. C. Bailey for breaking roads,	1 88
	J. Bailey for breaking roads,	1 75
	George Moor for labor on road,	3 00
	Jeremiah Hayes for labor on bridge,	8 34
	David Bassett for breaking roads,	1 00
Feb. 5.	Benj. McMurphy for labor on road,	2 50
10	I. Morse's bill,	2 50
	Wm. Cogswell for bridge plank,	5 04
	J. T. G. Dinsmoor for widening roads,	4 00
	A. D. Jenness for breaking road,	3 00
	Robert Jeffers for labor on bridge,	10 48
	Hiram Sargent for widening road,	4 00
	D. J. Day for labor on bridge,	4 69
	Clark & Choate for bridge plank,	90
	Paul Taylor for labor on road,	3 00
	James Webster for breaking roads,	50
	John Gregg for breaking roads,	1 00
13	Samuel Clark for breaking roads,	4 00
17	Joseph Ell for labor on road,	3 25

\$351 13

*Contingent Expenses.*

1848.			
Feb. 21.	To paid auditors of 1847,	2	36
23	for recording deed of S. Adams,		33
24	Smith, Hall & Clark for printing town accounts for 1847,	32	00
25	L. Harper for expenses about town accounts,	9	00
March 11.	J. Porter's bill,	15	00
21	Caleb Emery, S. S. Committee,	10	00
31	Smith, Hall & Clark for printing town orders,	4	25
April 10.	A. F. Hildreth, S. S. Committee,	10	00
11	C. E. Potter for highway blanks,	1	25
19	M. Webster for guaranteeing outstanding taxes,	15	00
June 22	P. B. Day's bill,	7	50
July 8.	Dearborn, Goodwin & Blake for damage,	45	00
	B. W. Sanborn for record book,	1	75
Sept. 19.	E. P. Parker, S. S. committee,	5	00
Oct. 31.	Franklin Crombie for surveying town line,	7	17
Dec. 27.	Alexander Park " " "	4	00
1849.			
Jan. 20.	J. A. Gregg for Postage,	1	36
27	Parker & Taylor for stationery,		94
Feb. 10.	Joseph A. Gregg's bill,	1	00
	L. Harper's bill, town treasurer,	20	00
	L. Harper for taking affidavits,	3	04
	D. W. Dickey, S. S. committee,	10	00
	E. Cogswell for cleaning town hall,	4	00
	R. M. Bailey for paper,		85
	J. B. Taylor's bill, 1847,	1	00
13	A. F. Hildreth, S. S. committee,	10	00
17	A. Beard for tax bills,	2	00
	Woodburn Nichols' bill,	5	00
	E. Ballou's bill,	1	33
19	Moses Webster for collecting taxes,	45	89
		\$276	02

*Abatement of Taxes.*

1848.			
March 13.	To abatement on Caleb Dustin's tax of 1847,	2	08
April 19.	M. Webster's list of 1847,	13	49
Sept. 19.	A. Tucker trustee for E. J. Cunningham,	2	00
26	M. Hart's poll tax,	1	50
Nov. 18.	N. Ripley's tax,		75
1849.			
Jan. 1.	S. F. Taylor's tax,	3	00
Feb. 10.	I. How's tax,		59
17	M. Webster's list of 1848.	41	28
		\$64	69



*School Districts.*

No. 1.		No. 6.	
1848, Oct. 16,	70 00	1848, Aug. 14,	17 00
1849, Feb. 10,	96 72	1849, Jan. 11,	31 58
School House tax,	225 00		\$48 58
	\$391 72	No. 7.	
No. 2.		1848, Aug. 5,	30 00
1848, Oct. 31,	80 00	1849, Jan. 1,	54 00
1849, Jan. 20,	72 09		\$84 00
	\$152 09	No. 8.	
No. 3.		1848, Aug. 18,	28 00
1848, Aug. 9,	33 00	" Dec. 16,	55 88
1849, Jan. 11,	34 99		\$83 88
	\$67 99	No. 9.	
No. 4.		1848, Sept. 9,	28 00
1848, Aug. 18,	40 00	1849, Jan. 27,	38 05
1849, Feb. 8,	60 18		\$66 05
	\$100 18	No. 10.	
No. 5.		1849, Jan. 9,	\$25 53
1848, Aug. 14,	20 00	No. 11.	
" Dec. 21,	25 88	1848, Aug. 21,	\$48 91
	\$45 88		\$1014 81

*Almshouse.*

1849.		
Jan. 20.	To paid B. F. Gregg for coffin for P. Taylor,	\$2 58
	W. Anderson for Potatoes,	4 00
27.	Parker & Taylor for goods,	24 65
Feb. 5.	George Farrar Medical attendance,	3 40
10.	William Cheney for rye,	16 00
	L. Wilson for blacksmith work,	98
	T. Wallace for Medical attendance,	36 86
	R. M. Bailey for goods,	73 92
	A. F. Hall for goods,	66 45
	J. Gregg for sled,	50
	Orders on Treasurer accounted for by Superin-	
	tendent,	128 00
	Paid balance S. C. Kimball's account,	149 59
	S. C. Kimball for Cow,	35 00
	C. Davis for grafting,	2 73
	Samuel Clark for oxen,	48 00
		\$592 66

*Military Bounties.*

1848, March 19,	Paid Military Bounties,	17 50
Sept 19,	Soldiers on Muster Field,	60 00
1849, Feb. 17,	Military Bounties,	63 00
		\$140 50

*Grave Yard.*

1848.		
Feb. 29.	To paid J. T. Foss for digging 14 graves a 1 25,	\$17 59
Sept. 20.	N. Aiken for digging 19 graves a 1 25,	23 75
1849.		
Feb. 10.	N. Aiken for digging 20 graves a 1 25,	25 00
	J. Kimball for repairing and oiling harness,	1 29
		<hr/> \$67 54

*Transient Poor.*

1848.		
June 30.	To paid N. J. Moor's bill of 1846 medical attendance,	
	R. Chase, jr.	\$9 00
	N. J. Moor's bill of 1847 medical attendance,	
	Mrs. Webster,	7 00
1849.		
Jan. 27.	Margaret Humphrey for boarding W. Cross,	18 00
Feb. 5.	George Farrar medical attendance, Almshouse,	6 59
10	T. Wallace medical attendance, Almshouse,	10 05
	George Alexander for transient poor,	50
	Daniel J. Day wood to Moses Sargent,	23 62
17	Woodburn Nichols services rendered,	3 25
		<hr/> \$78 01

*County Pauper Account.*

1848.		
March 7.	To paid Parker & Taylor for L. & N. Collins for supplies	\$4 00
April 18.	Insane Asylum for S. Cowdery,	48 11
July 19.	Lois Collins,	2 00
Dec. 30.	S. Marshall wood delivered Lois Collins,	6 00
1849.		
Jan. 20.	E. Adams, 2d, pork, " " Collins,	1 26
27.	S. C. Bailey for wood " " Collins,	3 76
	Parker & Taylor for supplies,	19 59
Feb. 5,	Parker & Taylor for Goods for L. Collins,	3 89
"	" " " "	1 19
	George Farrar medical attendance, L. Collins	1 50
	Wm. Palmer for services for L. Collins,	5 00
	R. M. Bailey for supplies for L. Collins,	3 00
10	B. F. Gregg coffin for L. Collins,	2 67
	R. M. Bailey, goods for S. Austin,	5 25
	E. Sargent sawing wood for L. Collins,	3 33
	Sundry bills on account of S. S. Holt,	100 86
	N. J. Moor Medical attendance, N. Collins,	7 00
		<hr/> \$218 41

### *Non Resident Highway Taxes.*

1848.

April 19.	To paid Moses Webster for receipts taken up by him,	\$12 74
Nov. 22.	H. Bond for working out N. R. H. Taxes in his list,	1 45

1849.

Jan. 20.	W. Anderson, " " " "	4 45
27.	W. H. Proctor, " " " "	5 45
Feb. 10.	J. Hayes, " " " "	74
Feb. 10.	W. B. Merrill, " " " "	76
	H. Sargent, " " " "	1 24
17	M. Webster for receipts taken up by him,	42 05
	N. Hastings for working out N. R. H. Taxes in his list,	3 70
		\$72 58

### *Notes owing by the Town.*

		Int. due on Notes.
1844, April 15,	Parker Adams,	\$856 72
1845, Jan. 1,	William Moor,	117 00
1846, Jan. 29,	William Ela,	546 46
	William Ela,	398 66
	Feb. 14, Moses Webster,	100 00
	Feb. 20, Jane Moore,	380 00
1847, Jan. 16,	Mary Davis,	160 00
	May 26, Samuel Clark, 2d,	175 00
	Oct. 4, Joshua Morse,	150 00
	Oct. 4, Joshua Morse,	50 00
	Oct. 4, Edward Ballou,	100 00
	Oct. 4, William Moor,	300 00
	Nov. 29, George W. Ballou,	200 00
	Dec. 2, William Moor,	100 00
1848, Jan. 14,	William Moor,	400 00
	Feb. 5, George N. Warner,	330 41
	Feb. 17, George Moor,	400 00
	Feb. 17, Sarah H. Moor,	100 00
	Aug. 25, Mrs. P. Nichols,	33 00
	Aug. 25, William Moor,	100 00
	Aug. 28, Louisa K. Choate,	70 00
	Nov. 17, Peter J. Horne,	200 00
	Dec. 14, George Moor, 2d,	100 00
1849, Jan. 27,	George Moor,	600 00
	Feb. 10, David Bassett,	400 00
		\$6,367 25
		\$595 83



*Selectmen's Services.*

1848, March 13, Paid L. Harper's bill,	4 72
Paid J. Herrick's bill,	3 54
Paid E. Ballou's bill,	4 72
1849, Feb. 17, Paid J. Herrick's bill,	31 27
Paid E. Ballou's bill,	107 63
Paid G. H. Taylor's bill,	42 23
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	\$194 11

*Dr.**Expenditures.*

1849.

Feb. 21, Paid State Tax for 1848,	\$470 40
County Tax for 1848,	500 59
For Schools,	889 81
School House Tax, District No. 1,	225 00
Town Notes and Interest,	2348 53
For Roads and Bridges,	351 13
For support of Almshouse,	592 66
For Transient Poor,	78 01
Contingent Expenses,	276 02
Non Resident Highway Receipts,	72 58
Military Bounties,	140 50
Selectmen's Services, 1847 and '48,	12 98
Outstanding orders,	206 89
Expenses of Grave Yard,	67 54
Teachers' Institute,	25 00
Selectmen's Services,	181 13
For County Paupers out of Almshouse,	218 41
Abatement of Taxes,	64 69
Cash in Treasury,	385 77
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	\$7107 64

*Cr.**Receipts.*

1849.

Feb. 21, By Cash in Treasury, Feb. 1848,	\$239 75
Cash from County,	306 78
Note from County,	300 00
Outstanding Taxes received,	1218 71
Literary money received from State,	81 84
Interest received on Permanent Literary Fund,	30 00
Cash from State to be expended for Schools,	86 15
Cash on account of Taxes,	2511 16
Cash hired,	2103 00
Cash for old wheels, &c.,	2 25
Railroad Tax received from State,	120 00
Outstanding orders,	108 00
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	\$7107 64

*Dr.**Derry.*

1849.

Feb. 21.	To amount of notes owing by town,	\$6367 25
	Interest due on notes,	595 83
	Due E. Adams, jr.	6 00
	Amount of Literary Fund	400 00
	Amount of land fund for schools	86 15
	Amount of outstanding orders,	108 00
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		\$7563 23

1849.

Feb. 21.	To balance of debt against Town,	\$4929 13
	EDWARD BALLOU,	} <i>Selectmen.</i>
	JONAS HERRICK,	
	GEORGE H. TAYLOR,	

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*Cr.**Derry.*

1849.

Feb. 21, By	Note for Literary Fund,	\$400 00
	Claims against County, estimated at	676 33
	Due from Londonderry,	7 00
	Due from Salem,	5 00
	Taxes on Moses Webster's list as Collector,	1160 00
	Cash in Treasury,	385 77
	Balance of debt against Town,	4929 13
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Feb. 21st, 1849. The undersigned Auditors, having audited the Town Accounts of the past year, as presented by the Selectmen, they find the same correctly cast, and satisfactory vouchers corresponding thereto.

LUCIEN HARPER,  
DAVID W. DICKEY, } *Auditors.*  
DAVID A. GREGG,

## REMARKS.

By the foregoing account, it would appear that the Town Debt has increased \$97,92. But such is not the fact, as in the account of last year the claims against the County were estimated at \$805,75, whereas there was received but \$606,78, as was explained in town meeting last spring. The County Judges having disallowed of our just claim, \$198,97, without assigning any cause—consequently the Town Debt of last year was in fact \$5,030,18. And should the said County Judges refuse to allow all our claim of the present year, the Town Debt will be in amount as much more as they deduct from our claim. The Town having no remedy against the County, must patiently bear it, let them take much or little of what justly belongs to us.

The expenses of the Almshouse appear larger than usual, but there has been a larger number of Paupers than there has been for a few years past, the greater part of whom are County Paupers, and we have sent a bill to the County of \$440,20 for their support; but how much of it they will pay we cannot now ascertain. It should all be allowed, as it is honestly our due.

The Notes owing by the town are all on interest at the rate of five per cent. annually, with the exception of one of \$200, which will be immediately paid. A large item in the account of Roads and Bridges, it will be seen, is the expense of the Stone Bridge near Capt. John H. Miltimore's. We found that a new Bridge must be built, and taking into consideration the great amount of travel over it, we thought it better economy to build one that would last many years, even at the cost which appears in the accounts, than to risk the paying of as large if not a larger sum in consequence of some damage that might accrue from a defective bridge.

In the bills for the Selectmen's services, it will be seen that E. Ballou's bill is larger than usual. By examining the items of his bill, it will appear that \$11,72 is for services, &c., in the case of S. S. Hall, who died of the Small Pox, which amount has been sent to the County Judges for allowance, with the other claims, which will reduce his bill for ordinary town business to \$95,91.

An item in the account of Roads and Bridges we deem it proper to notice, which is \$45 paid Dearburn, Goodwin & Blake, for the upsetting of a carriage, in consequence of a defect in the highway. The accident happened in the District where Mr. Jonathan Emerson was surveyor. It was shortly after a great rain, which washed the road badly. The Selectmen did not think it expedient to commence an action against Mr. Emerson, unless specially directed by the Town. They would not recommend to the town to order an action to be commenced.

EDWARD BALLOU,  
JONAS HERRICK,  
GEORGE H. TAYLOR, } *Selectmen.*



*The Town of Derry to Edward Ballou,*

1848.

Dr.

March 18,	To one day at Almshouse and I. Hubbard's,	\$1 18
21,	one day settling with Treasurer,	1 18
27,	one day at Parker & Taylor's and my house,	1 18
30,	making Invoice Book,	2 00
31,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day on town business,	59
April 1 to 12,	10 days taking invoice,	11 80
15,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day on town business,	59
19,	6 days carrying out invoice and making highway taxes and warrants,	7 08
27,	one day on town business,	1 18
30,	one day distributing highway warrants,	1 18
May 10, 11,	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ days making return of invoice to State of 1847-8,	2 95
18,	one day at Concord on town business,	1 18
	expenses to same,	1 50
19,	making warrant for Collector,	2 50
20,	making bond for Collector, and other business,	1 00
30,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day on town business,	59
June 10,	recording Resident and Non Resident Invoice,	5 00
11,	making school tax in district No. 1,	1 18
12,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day on town business,	59
13,	one day on petition of S. Kimball and others,	1 18
19,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day hearing parties in school dist. No. 6,	59
27,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day on town business,	59
28,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day at L. Derry, and horse & wagon to same place,	1 09
July 5,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day on petition of J. Upton and others,	59
6,	one day on petition of J. Nichols and others,	1 18
8,	one day at Exeter, horse and wagon and expenses,	4 00
24,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day on Lowell road,	59
Aug. 22,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day on town business,	59
25,	one day on town business,	1 18
28,	one day on road petition of S. Hays and others,	1 18
30,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day at Almshouse,	59
Sept. 2,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day examining Road,	59
5,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day drawing Jurors, and other business,	59
18,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day on town business,	59
19,	paying soldiers on muster field,	1 18
	horse and wagon to Salem,	1 00
30,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day on town business,	59
Oct. 4,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day at Auburn on town business,	59
	horse and wagon to same place,	70
18,	making check list and warrants,	1 50
24,	6 days perambulating lines, Derry & Chester and Derry & Auburn,	7 08
	expenses on same,	38
Nov. 4,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day regulating Check list,	59
6,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day at Almshouse,	59
17,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day on town business,	59
20,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day " " "	59
22,	1 day " " "	1 18
24,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day " " "	59
	horse and wagon to Auburn,	40
Dec. 3,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day on town business,	59
4,	1 day on line, Derry and Windham,	1 18
14,	1 day on town business,	1 18

16,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day regulating Juror box,	59
18,	1 day on Small Pox,	1 18
	horse and wagon to Manchester,	70
19,	1 day on Small Pox,	1 18
	horse and wagon to L. Derry,	80
20,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day on Small Pox,	59
21,	1 day on line, Derry and Windham,	1 18
	4 sheets for the use of S. S. Holt,	2 00
22,	going to L. Derry for D. Flanders,	59
	horse and sleigh to same place,	50
23,	1 day assisting to bury S. S. Holt,	1 18
27,	1 day on line, Derry and Windham,	1 18

## 1849.

Jan. 11,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day on town business, S. S. Holt,	59
12,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day at Chester in relation to S. S. Holt's residence,	59
	horse and sleigh to same place,	75
20,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day giving orders,	59
22,	1 day on town business,	1 18
27,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day at Parker & Taylor's	59
29,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day on town business,	59
Feb. 5,	1 day " " "	1 18
7,	1 day at Almshouse and L. Derry,	1 18
8,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day at Chester on S. S. Holt,	59
9,	horse and sleigh to Chester, on S. S. Holt,	75
10,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day making up pauper accounts,	59
	$\frac{1}{2}$ day at J. B. Cameron's,	59
12,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day on town business,	59
13,	1 day at Almshouse,	1 18
14,	1 day on town business,	1 18
17,	1 day settling with Collector,	1 18
	services as select Clerk,	2 00

\$107 63

*Town of Derry to Jonas Herrick,*

## 1848.

		Dr.
March 18, To	1 day at Almshouse,	\$1 18
21,	1 day settling with Treasurer,	1 18
27,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day at Parker & Taylor's,	59
April 1 to 12,	9 $\frac{1}{2}$ days taking invoice,	11 21
19,	1 day assisting in carrying out invoice,	1 18
27,	1 day making out highway warrants,	1 18
30,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day distributing highway warrants,	59
June 19,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day in school district No. 6,	59
July 5,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day on petition of J. Upton and others,	59
6,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day on petition of J. Nichols and others,	59
Aug. 2,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day on town business,	59
21,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day at E. Ballou's,	59
28,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day on petition of J. Hayes,	59
Oct. 22,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day making town warrants and check list,	59
24 to 30,	5 days perambulating line between Derry & Chester,	5 90
Nov. 4,	1-2 day at Cameron's, correcting check list,	59
Dec. 16,	1-2 day at I. Hubbard's, revising jury box,	59

## 1849.

Feb. 10,	1-2 day at Cameron's, giving orders,	59
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13,	1 day at Almshouse,	1 18
17,	1 day at L. Harper's, settling with Collector,	1 18
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*Town of Derry to Jonas Herrick,*

1848.		Dr.
Feb. 18,	To 1 day settling with Collector and Treasurer,	\$1 18
21,	1 day with Auditors,	1 18
26,	1-2 day making town warrant and check list,	59
March 11,	1-2 day correcting check list,	59
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*Town of Derry to Lucien Harper,*

1848.		Dr.
Feb. 19,	To 1 day making 2 check lists,	\$1 18
21,	1 day with Auditors,	1 18
26,	1 day writing warrants,	1 18
March 11,	1-2 day on town business,	59
	1-2 day correcting check list,	59
		<hr/> \$4 72

*Town of Derry to E. Ballou,*

1848.		Dr.
Feb. 17,	To one day at Almshouse,	\$1 18
18,	one day at L. Harper's	1 18
21,	one day with Selectmen,	1 18
26,	1-2 day on town business,	59
March 11,	1-2 day on town business,	59
		<hr/> \$4 72

*Town of Derry to Geo. H. Taylor.*

1848.		Dr.
March 18.	To 1 day at almshouse,	1 18
20	1 day settling with treasurer and making return on check list,	1 18
27	$\frac{1}{2}$ day at Parker & Taylor's to hire superintendant for almshouse,	59
30	1 day at Exeter to collect money of county,	1 18
	Horse, carriage, and expenses,	2 10
April 12	10 days taking invoice,	11 80
21	2 days carrying out invoice and other business,	2 36
	$1\frac{1}{2}$ days making highway warrants, &c.,	1 77
May 29	$\frac{1}{2}$ day appointing collector,	59
June 19	$\frac{1}{2}$ day at S. Kimball's on town business,	59
July 5	$\frac{1}{2}$ day on road petition of John Upton and others, and at almshouse,	59
Aug. 2	$\frac{1}{2}$ day on town business,	59
16	$\frac{1}{2}$ day removing pauper to almshouse,	59

	23	$\frac{1}{2}$ day on road petition of Jeremiah Hayes et als,	59
Oct.	21	1 day making check list and other town business,	1 18
Nov.	4	$\frac{1}{2}$ day at Cameron's correcting check list,	59
	25	" on town business,	59
Dec.	4	1 day perambulating town line,	1 18
	16	$\frac{1}{2}$ day at Hubbard's regulating jury box, &c.,	59
	20	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ days employing physician and and help to take charge of Sarah Holt,	1 77
	21	1 day perambulating town line,	1 18
	27	" " "	1 18
Jan.	20—1849.	$\frac{1}{2}$ day at Cameron's,	59
	22	$\frac{1}{2}$ day drafting jurors and attending to pauper case,	59
	23	" at Chester to examine records,	59
		Horse and sleigh,	60
	27	1-2 day at Parker & Taylor's,	59
	30	" on town business,	59
Feb.	10	" at Cameron's,	59
	13	1 day at almshouse,	1 18
	14	1 day at Ballou's and on pauper case,	1 18
	15	1 day on town business,	1 18
	17	1-2 day to settle with collector,	59
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			\$42 25

*The Town of Derry in account with William Anderson,*  
for building stone bridge over Beaver Brook at the Turnpike.

1848.

Dr.

Oct. 10.	For cash pd. B. Baker for 10 1-2 days labor,	15 75
	Geo. Baker for 12 days labor,	9 00
	Israel S. Drew for 17 days labor,	25 50
	Joseph Drew for 2 1-2 do.,	3 13
	Thomas Major 26 1-2 do.,	33 13
	James Read 17 do.,	21 25
	Robert Chase 1 1-2	1 50
	R. Chase, 9 days of 1 man 4 oxen & wheels,	29 25
	R. Chase, 1-2 day 1 man 2 oxen and wheels,	1 13
	R. Chase for covering stone,	3 50
	A. F. Hildreth for 2 1-2 days 1 man 2 oxen & wheels,	5 62
	Samel Clark, 2nd, for labor of self & oxen,	1 50
	James Taylor, 5 1-4 days labor,	5 25
	John Bowley, 3 days labor,	3 00
	J. H. Miltimore, 1 1-4 days, self, oxen and wheels,	2 75
	R. W. Thompson, blacksmith work,	1 13
	L. Wilson, blacksmith work,	3 41
	D. H. Pinkerton, 5 days of wheel drag,	1 25
	D. A. Gregg for stone,	1 00
	Moody Morse for stone,	1 25
	Isaiah Herrick for covering stones,	27 00
	Moses Jewett for stone,	1 00
	Joseph Gregg for 4 rollers,	67
	B. Barker for powder,	1 00
	Wm. Anderson's services, 25 days,	25 00

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# REPORT

## OF THE

### SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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The Committee have visited all the Schools in the town, as by law required, and submit respectfully to the town the following Report:

#### District No. 1.

**SUMMER SCHOOL.**—Miss Mary Montgomery, Teacher. This School, under the care of so efficient a teacher as Miss Montgomery, has been very successful in its improvements—in its good order and deportment—its advancement in all that pertains to Common School excellence, as well as literature. The Committee take pleasure in bearing their unqualified testimony to the faithfulness of its teacher, as well as her rare qualifications for so important a duty.

The school room and its appendages justly entitles it to the appellation of the "*model school house*," and the Committee recommend to the other Districts in town needing improvements in their school houses, to examine Number 1, not only so in its ordinate distinctiveness, but *first* in every particular.

**WINTER SCHOOL.**—Mr. Cadford M. Dinsmore, Teacher. Mr. Dinsmore is a good scholar, and excels in all the qualifications of scholarship for a teacher. Mild and persuasive in his manners and deportment towards his pupils, he wins obedience and respect. The School has been managed with faithfulness, and his success is worthy of his high sense of duty. If he fails in any particular, it is the lack of "a little more grape!"

#### District No. 2.

**SUMMER SCHOOL.**—Miss Louisa Marshall, Teacher.—This School commenced under more favorable auspices than in some former years. The school was under the care of a gentleman the winter previous to Miss Marshall's engagement, who was thorough in government as well as teaching, and probably did much to lighten her burthens. Still a spirit of insubordination was revived in the hearts of some little impish fellows, which it was difficult for the teacher to quell,

with all of "heaven in her eye," without some personal athletic exertions on her part, which were finally triumphant. The school was well managed, and the improvements respectable. Miss Marshall is a good scholar—has a good tact for teaching—mild and conciliating in her mode, till rebellion breaks out among her subjects. She then sways the sceptre with energy, till loyalty takes the place of treason and rebellion.

**WINTER SCHOOL.**—Mr. James P. Walker, Teacher. It is to be regretted that the District could not have had a longer term of this gentleman's services. The school consists of a large proportion of small scholars, and a larger expenditure of money was made for *them* in the most favorable season for their benefit—consequently the winter school was shorter than usual. As Mr. Walker progressed, the pupils became more and more attached to him—and the school was necessarily closed with the regrets of both parents and children. He is a zealous and devoted teacher, and with a little more experience will rank among the *first*. His success is highly commendable.

### **District No. 3.**

**SUMMER SCHOOL.**—Miss Clarissa Campbell, Teacher.—A good teacher meets with discouragements at the threshold of the school room of this district. The edifice was constructed some time during the last century—and is now in the last stages of consumptive old age, both inner and outer side—bad in its antiquated condition, and faulty in its original formation. The Committee would express the wish that, Phoenix like, a new and commodious building may soon emerge from the *ashes* of the old one. Miss Campbell, under such unfavorable circumstances, was not without the success always attendant upon devotion and fidelity. Easy, confiding and independent—lady-like and maternal in her duty, she gave to the Committee satisfactory proofs of her ability to govern and to teach. She had a few very young and excellent scholars, whose exhibitions reflected the faithfulness and capacity of their teacher. Her school was well taught and well governed.

**WINTER SCHOOL.**—Mr. Charles A. Brown, Teacher.—Mr. Brown is a young teacher, but has acquitted himself with honor in the discharge of his duties. Order and pre-

cision were the first and indispensable requirements in his mode of government and teaching. With more years and experience, he cannot fail to attain the highest stand in his profession. His deportment, personally, in and out of the school room, was alike approbated by the inhabitants of the district, and won for him uncommon respect for so young a man. The Committee are satisfied that he did his duty, and that the school made rapid advancements under his care.

#### District No. 4.

SUMMER AND WINTER SCHOOLS.—Miss M. C. Richardson, Teacher. This District has been well and happily taught both summer and winter by this young lady. She was fortunate in having the superintendence of such scholars, and they in their teacher. There are many excellent scholars in the school of their age, and some of them gave extraordinary proofs of their forwardness in the common school branches, and particularly in Geography. There appeared a commendable readiness and attention in almost every scholar to her wishes and orders, even before they issued from her lips—a sympathy of the pupil in the feelings and affections of the teacher almost mysterious. “As face answereth to face in a glass, so did the hearts of the pupils to hers.” She has no marked austerity in her manner—no violent or boisterous display of authority—yet was *there* the most perfect order—the readiest compliance to all her commands and desires. The Committee were at fault which most to admire—the teacher or pupils. They however have attached to each their just merits, by ascribing to the teacher a rare qualification to teach and to govern—to the scholars the almost enviable aptness and docility.

This district has done much credit to its enterprise and good taste, in the erection and finish of the neatest and most agreeable edifice of the kind in the town. Still it lacks some improvements in out-door arrangements, ventilation, &c., which the Committee have no doubt will be soon supplied by its enterprising citizens.

#### District No. 5.

SUMMER TERM.—Miss Agnes L. Park, Teacher. Miss Park is one of the few who can govern with precision, and without severity. Amiable, but unpretending in her manners,



she easily commands the attention of her pupils. We regard her as one to whom we may entrust the education of our children with safety.

The classes were prompt and accurate in their answers, evincing the great faithfulness of their teacher, and their own close attention to their studies. Among them are those whose attainments in learning compare well with any in town. Indeed, we regard this school among the most interesting and well disciplined we have visited. We noticed also with pleasure a becoming interest on the part of parents and others, manifested by their attendance at the examination.

**WINTER TERM.**—J. Davis Gage, Teacher. Mr. Gage is one of our very best instructors, exhibiting a tact and enthusiasm seldom surpassed. Such is his happy method of illustration and enforcing his subject, that the dullest minds not only may, but must learn. The services of Mr. Gage as teacher, need only to be enjoyed to be appreciated. At the closing examination, the reading, spelling, recitations, and *singing* were specimens of complete success.

#### **District No. 6.**

**SUMMER TERM.**—Miss Caroline M. Davis, Teacher. This school is small, and the scholars mostly young. Their reading and spelling, however, were creditable to the faithfulness of the teacher, and the capacity and industry of the pupils.

**WINTER TERM.**—Miss Mary J. Morse, Teacher. Miss Morse is a patient and faithful teacher, but is somewhat deficient in energy. Her scholars, however, at the close of the school gave evidence of commendable progress in their studies. In this school, as in most others, are those whose minds with right training are susceptible of a high state of intellectual and moral culture.

#### **District No. 7.**

**SUMMER TERM.**—Miss Caroline E. Webster, Teacher.—Miss Webster possesses talents of a high order, which, with a true spirit, she brings to her will in the business of teaching. Pupils under her instruction cannot fail to make progress, if they have any desire to obtain knowledge. If any thing was wanting, it was the power of being feared and revered by those whose duty it was to obey. The Committee regret to learn that there was a neglect on the part of



some parents in providing books for their children, some having attended the whole term without a book. Surely, parents cannot complain if, under such circumstances, their children fail to make progress.

**WINTER TERM.**—Mr. Andrew Mack, Teacher. This school was visited at the commencement, but the Prudential Committee failed to give notice of its close, so that no report can be made of its success.

#### **District No. 8.**

**SUMMER TERM.**—Miss Caroline Choate, Teacher. Miss Choate has many excellent qualities, both of head and heart, which justly entitle her to high consideration. But in this school, though she labored most earnestly, she failed in some measure to command the respect and obedience of her pupils. Still many of them made good progress, and the school was not without success, though less decided good was achieved than would be desirable. A few families in this district were deficient in providing books. Such are doubtless satisfied with small progress.

**WINTER TERM.**—This school commenced and continued three weeks, under the care of Mr. George Bell, with indifferent success. At that time he gave it up, in consequence of ill health.

After an interval of three weeks, the school was resumed by Mr. J. Davis Gage. During the short space of six weeks his zeal, judicious management, and enthusiastic mode of imparting instruction produced an entire revolution. The idle became industrious, the negligent and tardy became attentive and prompt, and those who had hitherto discovered but slight capacity for any thing but mischief and rebellion, manifested a deep interest in the acquisition of useful knowledge. The members of the district, too, became aroused and manifested symptoms of reasonable return to manifest duty, having made more visits to the school in a few weeks than previously in as many years. At the closing examination, the scholars showed that with proper effort their progress would not suffer by comparison with any in town. Singing, for the first time introduced into this school, was attended with good success.

**District No. 9.**

**SUMMER TERM.**—Miss Maria Brown, Teacher. Miss Brown here made her first effort as Teacher with good success. We were happy to find, on a second visit, that she had evidently gained the affections of her pupils, while she awakened a becoming zeal in their studies. This school made good progress, manifesting a correct knowledge of the rudiments of the various branches taught.

**WINTER TERM.**—Mr. B. Edwin Blanchard, Teacher.—This was also Mr. Blanchard's first school, in the management of which he acquitted himself well. Several classes in this school are entitled to high commendation, especially the one in Geography. Singing was here introduced with success. Indeed, this is one of several schools in town that have been visited with increasing interest. A few families in this district appear to regard the school as entitled to some consideration. We see them at the examinations.

**District No. 10.**

MISS CHARLOTTE DAVIS, Teacher. As usual this school had but one term, and was kept in a private room with not the best accommodations. The reading and spelling were pretty correct, but evidently performed with too little thought. The teaching lacked energy and the inventive character that renders it interesting to the young mind.

**District No. 11.**

MISS MARY J. MORSE, Teacher. In this school, the whole amount of money was expended in the summer term. At the close we were happy to observe that much of the dullness noticed on a former visit had been overcome, and the school had made good progress. Although the teaching had less energy than would be desirable, there was evidently a good degree of patient industry, and in most respects the amount of success would compare well with other schools.

## Statistics of the several Schools.

SUMMER, 1848.

Dist.	Teachers.	School commenced.	Length of School.	Wages per month.	No. of Scholars.	Average attendance.
No. 1,	Mary Montgomery,	May 22,	4 mos. 14 days,	\$0 00	69	40
No. 2,	Louisa Marshall,	May 1,	5 months,	8 00	75	45
No. 3,	Clarissa Campbell,	May 15,	3 months,	6 00	37	32
No. 4,	M. C. Richardson,	June 12,	2½ months,	6 06	38	24
No. 5,	Agnes L. Park,	May 15,	2 months,	7 06	26	26
No. 6,	Caroline M. Davis,	July 5,	1 mo. 13 days,	5 00	17	12
No. 7,	Caroline E. Webster,	May 29,	2 mos. 11 days,	6 00	55	35
No. 8,	Caroline Choate,	May 29,	3 months,	6 00	44	34
No. 9,	Maria Brown,	No ret'n				
No. 10,	No return,					
No. 11,	Mary J. Morse,	May 1st	4 mos. 13 days,	6 00	17	14

WINTER, 1848-9.

No. 1,	Cadford M. Dinsmore,	Nov. 20,	3 mos. 3 wks,	\$20.00	65	45
No. 2,	James P. Walker,	Nov. 20,	2 mos. 8 days,	21.00	53	40
No. 3,	Charles A. Brown,	Nov. 14,	2 mos. 4 days,	15.00	43	30
No. 4,	Mary C. Richardson,	Nov. 20,		9.00	46	34
No. 5,	J. Davis Gage,	Nov. 20,	1½ months,	17.00	49	36
No. 6,	Mary J. Morse,	Nov. 13,	2 mos. 6 days,	6.67	22	15
No. 7,	A. W. Mack,	Nov. 6,	2½ months,	19.00	47	35
No. 8,	J. Davis Gage,	Jan. 10,	5½ weeks,	17.00	45	37
No. 9,	B. E. Blanchard,	Nov. 20,	2 mos. 2 days,	15.00	43	30

The Committee, before closing this report, conceive it a part of their duty to suggest for the consideration of the inhabitants of the town certain subjects which they believe to be of the highest importance, and of paramount value to the success and perfection of Common School education.

Among these is the subject of School Houses. And they contemplate the idea of a *school house* in its most comprehensive nature—not only as a covert from the storms and the winds and the tempests, but fitted in all its views and appendages to the nature and wants of a human reasoning being. A mud cabin may protect us from the inclemencies of the sky—but it is not calculated to impress the mind with those genial thoughts and aspirations that belong to a reasoning soul. The term *house*, or domicile, embraces every idea of comfort and congeniality both of body and mind.



There are some good models of school rooms in town, but they are "few and far between." Many there are that reflect no credit upon the inhabitants of the District who have the boldness to confess the ownership, and we should not blame individuals if they *denied* their residency in some particular districts that might be mentioned. So destitute are some school houses of convenience for classical order and comfort that they are literally *chaotic*—"without form and void." Ventilation, an indispensable requisite for the enjoyment of the health and comfort of the scholars, is in most cases entirely neglected. So simple is the manner of effecting this all important subject in practice, and which has so wisely and successfully been put to the test in some of our school houses, that the Committee forbear entering into any further solicitations upon the subject.

The next subject to which the Committee would call public attention is School Books. For years past there has been a complaint, and a just one too, of too many different kinds of books in our schools. The Committee have endeavored, as far as they were able without laying sudden expenditures upon the people, to introduce gradually an uniform system of common school classics. They have partially succeeded, and recommend to their successors a continuation of the plan. They fixed upon Towns' Series, as being best adapted to the infant and youthful capacity, and have been successful beyond expectation.

Another subject the Committee will not consider themselves justified to omit—that is, a general lack of interest manifested on the part of parents and others in and throughout every district in the town. There may be and are *some* honorable exceptions in particular districts. When a farmer hires his laborer, or an artisan his journeyman, or a corporation its agent, there is always such an attentive supervision by those interested, that there is little danger of a delinquency in duty on the part of the employee. Indeed, a faithful laborer, journeyman or agent will solicit their supervision and criticism, and are willing and happy to be encouraged and cheered in their labors and the performance of duty; it is often the most valuable portion of remuneration. How sweet to the ear is the divine approbation of "well done,"



&c. But alas! the neglected school teacher is passed by as a forgotten thing! There he is, an innocent prisoner. Prisoner! not only a prisoner, but a laborer in the cause of virtue, religion, morality and intelligence—week after week, month after month—without one word of encouragement or one smile of approbation upon his labors, his cares, his sacrifices! Why is this? Is it because the “almighty dollar” is not at once visibly and *feelingly* realized? “Aye, there’s the rub! Wretched economy—most erroneous calculation”!

The Committee, on examination of the statistical returns which have been made to them, find that between seven and eight hundred, including the summer and winter sessions, are set down as the whole number of scholars in the several districts, and the average number who have attended, between five and six hundred only—making a delinquency of between two and three hundred. This alarming truth is submitted to the reflection and consideration of the prudent and wise, with a fervent hope that their influence and example will be hereafter used and exhibited for the amendment of so deplorable a practice.

The last subject to which the Committee would call attention is, the support of Common School Institutes. From the success which has attended some schools in town, the Committee do not hesitate to attribute it principally to the influence which these Institutes have exercised, through the teachers who have attended them. The Committee do not invidiously declare that teachers who *have not* attended the Institutes have been unsuccessful, for they cheerfully award to some their due meed of praise, notwithstanding they have not enjoyed their benefits. But they *do* say, that there is more precision, more energy, more system and better success in the art of teaching, practised by those who *have* than those who *have not* enjoyed their benefits. In view of this consideration, the Committee believe that the town will not withhold the necessary aid in support of the County Institute, but that it will be more liberal in its vote of money than that of the preceding year.

The object of Institutes is too well known to the enlightened inhabitants of Derry to need any farther elucidation. They are simply the *schools in which the teacher is taught*.

How can those untaught in the mysteries of their profession be entrusted with the education of our children. Every profession has its peculiar mysteries, cares and duties—and none ought to be better qualified than those to whom are entrusted the education and morals of the youth of a Republican Government.

A. F. HILDRETH,	} <i>Superintending</i>
D. H. GREGG,	
D. W. DICKEY,	

MARCH, 1849.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN AND AUDITORS,

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

OF THE

TOWN OF DERRY,

FOR 1849-50.

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MANCHESTER, N. H.

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1850.





## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

### ROADS AND BRIDGES.

1849.

May 17.	Paid	J. P. Nichols, breaking paths last winter,	\$3.20
Sept. 3.	"	Jonas Herrick, bridge plank,	2.10
28.	"	Israel Herrick, building stone bridge,	287.00
Oct. 6.	"	Robert Jeffers, widening highway,	5.00
	"	William Emery, repairing gulf bridge,	15.00
8.	"	Osgood Cheval, stringers and work on bridge,	5.20
Nov. 1.	"	Parker Adams, repairing bridges,	1.00
2.	"	Peter J. Horn, Fordway bridge and bridge near sawmill,	50.35
	"	A. F. Hildreth, stone railing bridge near his house,	61.00
	"	A. F. Hildreth, bill of plank for bridges,	25.20
22.	"	Charles Choate, widening highway,	30.00
23	"	Leonard Brickett, widening highway,	9.00
	"	Leonard Brickett, repairing highway,	8.63
	"	John Gregg, do.	3.70
	"	John Perkins, do.	2.30
Dec. 7.	"	A. F. Hildreth, bridge and highway,	13.62
11.	"	Edwin Merrill, plank & labor on bridge near Horn's,	8.25
14.	"	James Taylor 2d, repairing highway,	2.37
	"	William Reynolds, do.	1.75
18.	"	Samuel Adams, stone for bridges,	4.50
	"	Lemuel Johnson, breaking paths last winter,	3.20

1850.

Jan. 5.	"	George Moor, repairing highway last April,	1.00
	"	William Fla, widening highway,	4.20
	"	Alexander Jack, repairing highway, (Green road,)	11.75
	"	Abner Hill, work on highway,	2.00
	"	Jeremiah Hayes, do.	2.25
	"	Isaac Chase, do.	2.00
	"	Josiah H. Adams, do.	6.00

Jan. 26.	Paid Nathaniel Aiken, work on highway,	4,37
"	Samuel Clark 2d, plank and work on highway,	4,00
"	John Low, repairing highway,	1,50
"	Lyman Hayes, do.	2,00
Feb. 2.	James Kershaw, repairing highway,	4,00
9.	Lorenzo Kimball, repairing bridge,	2,50
"	Paul Taylor, repairing highway,	2,50
13.	Daniel P. Page, plank and repairing bridge,	1,19
16.	I. A. Butterfield, fencing in stone bridge,	1,00
"	Wm. Emery, work on road,	2,80
"	R. Jeffers, work on Fordway bridge,	2,00
19.	S. F. Taylor, work on road,	3,00
		<u>\$602,43</u>

### CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

1849.

Feb. 26.	Paid Auditors for 1848.	\$3,51
"	D. A. Gregg's services as Superintending School Committee,	10,00
March 8.	J. H. Goodale, printing town accounts,	24,00
"	E. Ballou, about town accounts,	7,00
11.	I. Hubbard for Record Book,	0,75
"	John Porter, Attorney's services,	15,00
"	A. Richardson, paper for check list,	1,00
July 21.	John Folsom, expenses in regard to the settlement of Mary Greenleaf and children,	10,32
"	Benjamin Barker, lock for pound,	1,00
"	Phillip F. Pattee, notifying town of Weare,	3,24
"	Wm. Greenleaf, for giving affidavit,	1,00
"	E. Cogswell, building fires and cleaning Parish Hall,	4,42

1850.

Jan. 26.	Richard Melvin, services as moderator,	5,00
"	William Anderson, surveying highways	2,00
"	Moses Webster, tax book and tax bills,	2,42
"	B. F. Gregg, serving notices on petition,	1,00
"	Phineas Palmer, bill of Post Guides and putting up,	13,33
"	Hiram Simons, examining records of town of Weare,	0,75
"	John Folsom, bill of paper,	1,30
Feb. 21.	A. F. Hildreth, services as Superintending School Committee,	10,00
22.	A. F. Hildreth, services as Treasurer,	20,00
		<u>\$211,52</u>

## SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

No. 1.		No. 6.	
1849, Sept. 28,	82,00	1849, July 21,	18,67
1850, Feb. 2,	93,64	Dec. 18,	38,31
	<u>\$175,64</u>		<u>\$56,98</u>
No. 2.		No. 7.	
1849, Sept. 12,	56,00	1849, Aug. 13,	35,00
1850, Feb. 16,	110,17	1850, Jan. 19,	63,43
	<u>\$166,17</u>		<u>\$98,43</u>
No. 3.		No. 8.	
1849, Sept. 11,	30,00	1849, Oct. 6,	30,25
1850, Feb. 6,	45,40	1850, Jan. 21,	66,53
	<u>\$75,40</u>		<u>\$96,78</u>
No. 4.		No. 9.	
1849, Sept. 1,	38,00	1849, Oct. 6,	20,00
1850, Jan. 12,	60,42	1850, Feb. 1,	52,72
	<u>98,42</u>		<u>\$72,72</u>
No. 5.		No. 10.	
1849, Dec. 10,	\$50,55	1850, Feb. 16,	\$31,47
		No. 11.	
		1849, Sept. 15,	\$62,08
School House tax in District No. 3,			<u>\$984,64</u>
School House tax in District No. 4,			<u>\$113,21</u>
			<u>\$51,88</u>

SUPPORT OF COUNTY PAUPERS OUT OF ALMS  
HOUSE.

1849.

July 12.	Paid N. H. Asylum for the Insane, for the support of Sarah Cowdry, 1 year up to May 31st,	104,00
Nov. 30.	do. for support of do. six months,	54,00
		<u>158,00</u>
June 28.	William H. Proctor's bill of supplies for Mary Greenleaf and her two children,	28,15
"	Dr. Weston's bill of doctoring, do.	7,00
"	R. M. Bayley, supplies for do.	6,84
		<u>41,99</u>
"	Robert M. Bayley, supplies for Samuel Austin,	43,40
"	Robert Chase, potatoes, for do.	1,50
"	Cash delivered said Austin, Feb. 21, to pay for nursing,	2,00
"	Dr. G. Farrar, for doctoring said Austin,	3,75
"	Dr. S. Wallace, for doctoring do.	9,25
		<u>60,20</u>
Feb.	Digging grave for Charles E. Greenleaf,	1,20
		<u>\$51,40</u>

## ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

1849.

May, 17.	Paid	Abatements on M. Webster's list for 1848,	10,42
	"	Abatements do do	15,00
Nov. 1.	"	on Daniel T. Bond, tax 1849	0,48
1850.			
Jan. 8.	"	" N. Ripley, " "	1,50
	"	" E. Adams, 2d, " "	2,14
	"	" Moody Adams, " "	1,50
	"	" Estate of Moody Adams " "	0,52
	"	" J. Kelly, tax " "	1,61
	"	" J. M. Batchelder, " "	0,84
	"	" Wm. Adams, " "	1,61
	"	" Daniel Carr, " "	0,27
	"	" Henry T. Bond, " "	1,61
	"	" Pinkerton & White, " "	1,40
	"	" Derry Bank, " "	2,67
	"	" M. P. Choate, " "	2,68
	"	" H. C. Thorn, " "	1,14
	"	" M. Webster on his list,	22,98
	"	" Z. Colby,	1,00
			<u>\$69,37</u>

1849.

Dec. 19.	State tax,	420,00
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1849.

Sept. 18.	County tax,	99,81
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Paid orders of last year, No. 12—1,00	No. 13—4,13,	5,13
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## TOWN NOTES AND INTEREST PAID.

1849.

Mar. 12.	Paid P. J. Horne's note 200,00.	Interest 2,83,	202,83
Oct. 4.	" E. Ballou's " 200,00	" 10,25,	110,25

1850.

Feb. 5.	" George N. Warner's note 330,41	" 33,86,	264,27
	" E. P. Nichols' " 33,00	" 2,45,	35,45

\$712,80



## NON-RESIDENT RECEIPTS.

1849.

May, 17.	Paid M. Webster, Receipts taken up by him in 1848,	9,42
Nov. 1.	" Parker Adams, taxes worked,	2,90

1850.

Jan. 26.	" L. Brickett N. R. taxes worked,	,38
" "	" L. Hayes " "	,67
Feb. 9.	" R. Clendennin " "	4,95
" "	" Osgood Chevah " "	,33
" "	" R. W. Adams " "	2,72
" "	" John Gregg " "	,76
19.	" M. Webster, Receipts taken up,	35,24
		<hr/> \$57,37

## SELECTMEN'S SERVICES, 1848-9.

1849.

March 11.	Paid Ballou's bill,	5,31
	" J. Herrick's bill,	5,72
	" G. H. Taylor's bill,	4,13
		<hr/> \$15,16

## SELECTMEN'S SERVICES.

1850.

Feb. 19.	Paid John Folsom's bill,	117,02
	" S. F. Taylor's bill,	53,84
	" R. W. Adams' bill,	42,30
		<hr/> \$213,16

## POST OFFICE BILL.

1849.

July, 21.	Paid D. A. Gregg, Post Master,	2,48
1850.		
Feb. 13.	" R. M. Bayley, " "	1,05
		<hr/> \$3,53

## OUTSTANDING ORDERS,

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## ALMS-HOUSE.

1849.

May, 28.	P'd	William Sandborn for a gig wagon,	45,00
17.	"	B. F. Gregg, coffin for S. Rankin,	2,67
Oct. 29.	"	G. F. Adams, 14 sheep and lambs,	15,05
Nov. 13.	"	S. Newell Simpson for a lot of wood,	106,00
Dec. 7.	"	Abram Brooks chopping 115½ cords wood,	63,32
18.	"	Samuel Adams' bill of grain, lime and plaster	18,56

1850.

Jan. 19.	"	Charles Parker's bill of supplies,	3,56
26.	"	A. F. Hall's " " "	90,04
"	"	L. Brickett's bill of Blacksmith work,	5,70
Feb. 2.	"	L. Wilson's " " " "	7,46
"	"	James French for salt,	,75
"	"	Doct. T. Wallace for doctoring poor,	28,10
"	"	William Choate for clover seed,	1,58
9.	"	Barker & Palmer for sawing boards,	5,28
"	"	B. Barker for surveying wood,	1,50
"	"	S. W. Dole's bill of Blacksmith work,	4,05
"	"	Lucien Harper's bill of supplies,	6,43
"	"	Robert M. Bayley's bill of " "	66,34
13.	"	S. C. Kimball's balance of account,	197,26
"	"	Orders on town Treasurer accounted for by Super- intendent,	145,00
16.	"	A. McCrillis for Blacksmith work,	2,10
"	"	A. F. Hildrith for hauling lumber,	1,25
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			\$817,00

## GRAVE YARD.

1849.

Oct. 22.	Paid	Nathaniel Aiken's bill of digging graves,	36,55
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1850.

Aug. 26.	"	L. Wilson's bill of sharpening tools,	,32
"	"	L. Harper for a shovel,	,7
"	"	Wm. B. Wilson's bill of digging graves, and pick handle,	9,
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			\$47,7

## TRANSIENT POOR.

1850.

Jan. 5.	Paid	Joseph Johnson's bill of wood for S. Hall S. gent.	7,77
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## REPAIRS OF HOUSE AT TOWN FARM.

1849.

Aug. 13.	Paid Kenney & Cate's bill of Clapboards,	62,40
" "	" " " " " shingles,	22,50
" "	Barker & Palmer's bill of boards,	11,00
Sept. 3.	" " " " " boards and plank,	7,05
" "	A. C. Wallace's bill of sashes and doors,	17,79
" "	John P. Adriance & Co's. bill of sheet lead,	6,56
" "	Kenney & Cate's bill of plank,	3,75
13.	" E. Gage for door stone,	4,75
" "	R. M. Bayley, for nails,	2,52
" "	do do.	,78
Oct. 8.	" John P. Adriance's bill of lock, window springs &c.	2,14
" "	do. " lead screws, &c.	2,51
" "	A. McKenney's bill of Mason work,	3,17
9.	" Jonathan P. Nichols' bill of Carpenter work,	80,79
12.	" George Poor's bill do	42,00
Nov. 6.	" Peter J. Horn for hauling lumber,	6,00
" "	George Poor for leading chimnies,	11,17
Dec. 11.	" A. McKenney for plastering,	1,58

1850.

Jan. 5.	" R. Esty for underpinning stone 49 feet,	5,88
26.	" A. F. Hall's bill of nails and paints,	48,17
" "	A. F. Hildreth for hauling lumber,	1,25
Feb. 9.	" Barker & Palmer's bill of boards,	1,57
" "	Charles Choate's bill of bricks,	3,20
" "	David C. Palmer's bill of painting,	8,37
13.	" John Folsom's bill of nails and butts,	1,75
16.	" R. McMurphy for setting underpinning,	1,67

\$349,57

## MILITARY BOUNTIES.

1849.

May, 28.	Paid Military Bounties for 1848,	27,00
Sept. 29.	" " Rations on Muster field,	60,00

1850.

Feb. 19.	" " Bounties paid by M. Webster,	75,00
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\$162,00

## TEACHER'S INSTITUTE.

1849.

Oct. 29.	Paid J. G. Hoit, Treasurer,	25,00
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## TOWN OF DERRY, TO JOHN FOLSOM FOR SERVICES.

		Dr.
1849.		
March 16.	1 day to get books and settle with town Treasurer,	1,18
17.	1-2 day making records and arranging papers,	59
19.	1 day at town farm, appraising property and appointing superintendent,	1,18
21 and 24.	2 days making invoice book,	2,36
22.	1 day on business relating to School District No. 3,	1,18
23.	1 day on business and taking affidavit relating to George Randall,	1,18
29.	1-2 day going to Mr. Taylor's on town business	59
30.	1-2 day on town business,	59
31.	1-2 day going to Mr. Adams' and Londonderry on town business,	59
April 14.	1-2 day meeting the Select men of Londonderry on petition of J. McMurphy, and als.,	59
16.	10 1-2 days taking invoice,	12,39
17 to 25.	6 1-2 days carrying out invoice and making highway taxes and warrants,	7,67
26.	1 day distributing highway warrants,	1,18
27.	1 day to Salem making enquiries relating to Mary Greenleaf,	1,18
May 1.	1 day to W. H. Proctor's and Dr. Weston's settling bills of Mary Greenleaf,	1,18
2.	1 day to Salem to examine Records relating to the settlement of Mary Greenleaf,	1,18
4.	Recording resident and non-resident invoices,	2,36
7.	Making resident and non-resident taxes,	2,36
9.	Making tax lists and warrants for Collector,	2,36
10, 11 and 12.	2 1-2 days to Ware and Henniker examining the records of those towns relating to the settlement of Mary Greenleaf and Children,	2,95
13.	Making school house taxes in Districts Nos. 3 and 4,	1,18
16.	Making bond for Collector and other business,	59
17.	1 day appointing Collector and settling with the last year's collector,	1,18
18.	Widening and straightening highway on Leonard Brickett's land, and making Return,	1,18
31.	1-2 day making Returns to State and County treasurers,	59
June 2.	1 day to Mr. Taylor's and other places, on town business,	1,18
7.	1 day making proportion of School money,	1,18
8.	1 day do. and regulating the books,	1,18
22.	1 day drawing Warrants for town meeting, going to Mr. Taylor's and putting up Warrants,	1,18
June 23.	1 day at town farm, and going to Charles Choate's about widening highway,	1,18
July 7.	1 day at S. Wilson's to view highway, and at Charles Choate's widening highway,	1,18
9.	1 day examining bridge and making proposals for building a stone bridge,	1,18
10.	1 day making notices for letting out bridge and putting them up, and making return of widening and straightening highway near C. Choate's,	1,18
11.	1-2 day at town farm to get dimensions of the house,	59
12.	1 day to Manchester and Concord to settle bill at Insane Hospital, and make enquiries about clapboards and shingles,	1,18
	Expenses and fare in the Cars to Concord,	1,41
	Horse and Wagon to Manchester,	1,00



	21.	3-4 day letting job for building stone bridge and writing agreements,	,88
	22.	3-4 day engaging carpenters to repair house at town farm and copying highway return into Selectmen's book,	,88
	26.	1 day at Manchester to buy Clapboards and shingles, Horse and Wagon to Manchester and horse-keeping,	1,18 1,25
Aug.	13.	1 day at town farm and Mr. Taylor's on town business,	1,18
	14.	1 day at town farm and took Farwell's affidavit and to William Dustin's and took Mary Greenleaf's affidavit,	1,18
	20.	1 day at Salem and Windham taking affidavits, Horse and Chaise 12 miles,	1,18 1,20
	21.	Taking the affidavit of William Greenleaf,	,25
	24.	1 day at Manchester to get shingles and lead for house at town farm,	1,18
	18.	1 day at Salem and lower part of Derry taking affidavits,	1,18
Sept.	3.	1-2 day at Mr. Taylor's on town business,	,59
	13.	1 day taking S. C. Kimball's affidavit, also Jonas Herrick's and at Mr. Taylor's, drawing orders,	1,18
	14.	1 day at Windham taking the affidavit of Samuel Austin, Expenses,	1,18 ,45
	15.	Taking Depositions, and preparing papers for Mr. Porter to carry to Court to support our pauper accounts,	1,18
	18.	1 day to Londonderry paying rations to soldiers, Horse and wagon, ,40, expenses ,62,	1,18 1,02
	27.	1 day at stone bridge, Mr. Taylor's and Mr. Adams'	1,18
	28.	1 day at stone bridge, accepting it, and other business.	1,18
Oct.	5.	1 day to Mr. Adams and Manchester to buy things for house at town farm,	1,18
	6.	1-2 day at Jeffers widening road and at Town Farm,	,59
	8.	1 day at Railroad, G. N. Warner's and G. Moors, on town business,	1,18
	9.	1 day at town farm settling with workmen and other places,	1,18
	18.	1-2 day at town farm and Mr. Porter's on town business,	,59
	19.	1-2 day on town business,	,59
Nov.	1.	1 day at town and other places on town business,	1,18
	6.	1-2 day on town business,	,59
	8.	1 day on petition of J. Montgomery and others,	1,18
	12.	1-2 day at S. F. Taylor's about buying wood,	,59
	13.	1-2 day at town farm buying wood,	,59
	14.	1-2 day at Mr. Adams about getting wood cut,	,59
	20.	1-2 day to show wood to Mr. Brooks,	,59
	21.	1-2 day at town farm to get a room for Brooks,	,59
	22.	1-2 day at Mr. Adams on town business,	,59
	24.	1 day on petition of J. Montgomery and others,	1,18
	28.	1-2 day on do	,59
Dec.	6.	1-2 day surveying, do	,59
	7.	1 day measuring wood and other town business	1,18
	10.	1-2 day on town business,	,59
	14.	1 day on town business in several places,	1,18
	15.	1-2 day regulating Jury box,	,59
	28.	1 day at Mr. Taylor's and other places on town business,	1,18

1856.

Jan. 6.	1-2 day at L. Harper's settling accounts,	,59
18.	1-2 day at do do	,59
26.	1-2 day at Cameron's do	,59
31.	1-2 day at Almshouse making pauper account,	,59
Feb. 2.	1 day at Cameron's settling accounts,	,59
6.	1 day at S. F. Taylor's about check list and other business,	1,18
7.	1-2 day at Windham to get S. Austin's affidavit, Horse and Sleigh,	,58 ,51
8.	1 day to Haverhill to get S. Austin's affidavit, Fare in Cars, expenses and justice fees,	1,18 1,97
9.	1-2 day at L. Harper's settling accounts,	,59
13.	1 day at town farm settling with Superintendent,	1,18
18.	1 day at town farm, taking account of property,	1,18
16.	1-2 day at Cameron's settling accounts,	,59
18.	1 day at home making check List,	1,18
19.	1 day settling with Collector,	1,18
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## TOWN OF DERRY TO SAMUEL F. TAYLOR,

1849.

		Dr.
March 16,	To ½ day settling with Treasurer,	,59
19,	1 day at Almshouse,	1,18
Apr. 2 to 17,	11 days taking invoice,	12,98
7,	½ day in District No. 9, hearing parties,	,59
14,	½ day in District No. 3, hearing parties,	,59
18,	1 day at J. Folsom's, on town business,	1,18
19,	Removing pauper to Almshouse,	,50
25 and 26,	2 days making highway warrants,	2,36
27,	1 day at Salem, on pauper case,	1,18
30,	½ day distributing highway warrants,	,59
May 10,	½ day on town business,	,59
12,	½ day on town business,	,59
15,	½ day appointing Clerk and Prudential Committee in District's Nos. 6 and 7,	,59
17,	1 day settling with Collector and appointing new Collector,	1,18
19,	½ day on petition of L. Brickett and others,	,59
28,	½ day buying gig wagon for town farm,	,59
June 2,	1 day on pauper case and town business,	1,18
7 and 8,	2 days with Selectmen at Folsom's,	2,36
23,	1 day at Almshouse, and petition C. Choate,	1,18
July 7,	1 day on Wilson road, and town business,	1,18
9,	1 day examining bridge and putting up advertisements for building stone bridge,	1,18
21,	½ day at J. B. Cameron's receiving proposals for building stone bridge,	,59
August 13,	Part of a day giving orders,	,40
18,	½ day at Salem on pauper case,	,59
Sept. 1,	Attending the draft of Jurors,	,25
3,	Part of a day giving orders,	,34
18,	Paying soldiers on muster field,	1,18

Sept. 21,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day at Almhouse,	59
28,	1 day settling for stone bridge, and on road near E. Merrill's,	1,18
Oct. 8,	1 day on town business,	59
18,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day at Almhouse,	59
19,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day on town business,	59
Nov. 6,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day on road near E. Merrill's,	59
24,	1 day on petition of Joseph Montgomery's,	1,18
28,	1-2 day on petition of " "	59
Dec. 18,	1-2 day regulating Jury box,	59
19,	1 day putting up guide posts,	1,18
1850.		
Jan. 5,	1-2 day at L. Harper's, giving orders,	59
19,	1-2 day	59
26,	1-2 day at Cameron's,	59
28,	Attending the draft of Jurors,	25
31,	1-2 day at Almshouse, making pauper account,	59
Feb. 2,	1-2 day at J. B. Cameron's giving orders,	59
13,	1 day at Almshouse settling with superintendent and town business,	1,18
15,	1 day at town farm taking account of property,	1,18
16,	1 day at J. Folsom's and J. B. Cameron's, giving orders,	1,18
Feb. 18,	1 day making check-list,	1,18
19,	1 day settling with collector,	1,18
		53,84

## TOWN OF DERRY TO ROBERT W. ADAMS,

1849.		Dr.
March 16,	To 1-2 day settling with Treasurer,	59
9,	1 day at Almshouse,	1,18
April 7,	4 and a half days taking invoice,	5,31
"	1-2 day on petition of John Alexander,	59
14,	5 and a half days taking invoice,	6,49
"	1-2 day on petition of James McMurphy,	59
17,	1 day taking invoice,	1,18
18,	1 day on town business,	1,18
26,	2 days making highway warrants,	2,36
28,	1 day distributing highway warrants,	1,18
May 18,	1 day settling with collector, and on other business,	1,18
19,	1-2 day making out school warrants,	59
June 7,	1-2 day on road petition of L. Brickett and others	59
21,	1 day at Almshouse and hearing petition,	1,18
July 7,	1 day on the Wilson road, and town business,	1,18
9,	1 day examining bridge and other business,	1,18
21,	1 day receiving proposals for building bridge,	1,18
Sept. 28,	1 day on town business,	1,18
Oct. 17,	1-2 day on town business,	59
18,	1-2 day on town business,	59
Nov. 6,	1-2 day looking out road at Merrill's corner,	59
13,	1-2 day buying wood,	51
20,	1 day letting wood to cut,	1,89
22,	1-2 day to Chester,	59

Nov. 24,	1 day on road petition of Joseph Montgomery,	1,18
	1-2 day on the petition of the same,	59
Dec. 18,	1-2 day regulating Jury box,	59
19,	1 day setting up post guide,	1,59
1850, Jan. 5,		
	1-2 day receiving orders,	59
19,	1-2 day receiving orders,	59
Feb. 9,	1-2 day receiving orders,	59
15,	1 day at Almshouse,	1,18
16,	1 day at Cameron's and Folsom's,	1,18
19,	1 day at Folsom's settling with collector,	1,18
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		\$42,30

### Notes Due by the Town, February 21, 1850.

DATES.	NAMES TO WHOM DUE.	PRINCIPAL.	INTEREST.
1844, April 13.	Parker Adams,	\$356,62	\$270,79
1845, Jan. 1.	William Moor,	117,00	33,37
1846, Jan. 29.	William Ela,	546,46	173,88
" "	William Ela,	398,66	
Feb. 4.	Moses Webster,	100,00	21,54
" 20.	Jane Moor,	380,00	81,94
1847, Jan. 16.	Mary Davis,	160,00	26,11
May 26.	Samuel Clark 2d,	175,00	25,03
Oct. 4.	Joshua Morse,	150,00	23,71
" "	Joshua Morse,	50,00	
" "	William Moor,	300,00	35,60
Nov. 29.	George W. Ballou,	200,00	20,50
Dec. 2.	William Moor,	100,00	11,43
1848, Jan. 14.	William Moor,	400,00	43,27
Feb. 17.	George Moor,	400,00	41,24
" "	Sarah H. Moor,	100,00	10,31
Aug. 25.	William Moor,	100,00	7,56
" 28.	Louisa K. Choate,	70,00	5,26
Dec. 14.	George Moor 2d,	100,00	5,97
1849, Jan. 27.	George Moor,	600,00	32,18
Feb. 10.	David Bassett,	400,00	20,38
Aug. 13.	Ithamar Hubbard,	100,00	2,50
Oct. 4.	Jonathan Ballou,	110,25	1,83
" 8.	George N. Warner,	70,00	1,17
" "	George Moor,	100,00	1,66
1850, Jan. 31.	Eleanor Kimball,	115,00	,23
Feb. 3.	George N. Warner,	364,27	,32
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		\$6502,96	\$697,70



## EXPENDITURES.

1850.

Feb. 26. Paid	State tax for 1849,	420,00
"	County tax 1849,	699,81
"	Schools,	984,64
"	School House tax in Dist. No. 3,	113,29
"	School House tax in Dist. No. 4,	51,83
"	Town notes and interest paid,	712,80
"	Roads and Bridges,	602,43
"	Support of Alms House,	817,00
"	Transient poor,	7,75
"	Contingent expenses,	211,52
"	N. Resident highway receipts,	57,37
"	Military bounties,	162,00
"	Selectmen's services 1848—9,	15,16
"	Expenses of grave yard,	47,76
"	County paupers out of Alms House,	261,44
"	Abatement of taxes,	69,37
"	Teacher's Institute,	25,00
"	Repairs on house at town farm,	349,57
"	Selectmen's services,	213,16
"	Outstanding orders,	108,00
"	Post Office bill,	3,53
"	Orders No. 12—\$1,00 and No. 13—\$4,13 of last year,	5,13
"	Cash in the Treasury,	285,91
		<hr/> 6224,52

# RECEIPTS.

1850.

Feb. 26.

Cash in Treasury Feb. 1849,	\$385,77
Note signed by Bradbury Bartlett,	505,44
Interest on the above note,	16,34
Outstanding taxes received,	1160,00
Literary fund received from the State,	53,76
Railroad money received from State,	121,93
Cash on account of taxes,	2580,28
Money hired,	959,52
Outstanding orders,	307,43
Cash received last year as Land fund,	86,15
Cash received of John Gregg for line tree sold,	3,43
Cash received G. Moor, ,96, E. Evans, ,97, J. Nichols, ,79, for plank sold them,	2,72
Cash received on order No. 2 and not used,	35,00
Cash received of A. F. Hall, error in his account,	6,75
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DR.

DERRY.

1850.

Feb. 26.	To amount of Notes due by Town,	\$6563,96
"	" Interest due on Notes,	897,78
"	" Due Edmund Adams,	6,00
"	" outstanding Orders,	367,43
"	" amount of Literary Fund,	400,00
"	" Phineas and James Webster, for land taken for highways,	46,75
"	" Joseph Montgomery, do. do.	16,34
"	" Moody Morse, do. do.	4,00

\$8241,56

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DERRY.

1850.

Feb. 26.	By Note for Literary Fund,	\$400,00
"	" Interest due on same to March 1, 1850,	24,00
"	" Claims against County, estimated at	674,05
"	" due from Londonderry,	7,00
"	" due from Salem,	5,00
"	" Taxes in Collector Webster's hands,	1150,00
"	" 58 Cords of Wood on the Railroad for sale,	174,00
"	" Cash in the Treasury,	285,91
"	" balance of debt against the town,	5521,60

\$8241,56

JOHN FOLSOM,  
SAM'L F. TAYLOR, } Selectmen of Derry.  
ROBT W. ADAMS, }

1850, Feb. 27. The undersigned Auditors, having audited the foregoing accounts, find the same correctly cast, and satisfactory vouchers corresponding thereto.

LUCIEN HARPER,  
DAVID W. DICKEY, } Auditors of Derry.  
GEO. H. TAYLOR, }

## REMARKS.

It will be perceived that the town debt has considerably increased during the year past, which has been occasioned, by an increased County tax, the repairs on the house at the Town Farm, Roads and Bridges, and somewhat by the services of the Selectmen. We have no apology to make, but only observe that we have spent no more time, and expended no more money for any object than we thought the interest of the town required, and charged no higher pay than usual. The repairs on the house at the Town Farm consist in the following improvements: The whole outside has been clapboarded, the low part shingled, all new window frames, about two thirds new sashes, some new glass, three new outside doors, with outside casings, fifty-eight feet new sill, new door stone, forty-nine feet stone underpinning, cellar lined up with bricks inside, plastering all mended inside, the chimnies, outside doors, and the corners between the high and low parts well leaded, the whole house painted once over and paint enough to paint it once more. The clapboards and shingles were of the best quality, and the work all faithfully done.

The wood bought and chopping cost \$169. The superintendent and people under his care, have hauled fifty-eight cords of the best of the wood to the railroad, and about as much more of a second quality to the road near the house: besides they have cut up the tops of about twenty trees, that were standing when the rest of the wood was cut; they have also trimmed out and hauled to the house sixty-five large loads of limbs, and chopped them up at the door, which will support the fire for more than one year, besides the other wood that was cut by the cord. We cannot dismiss this subject without saying that the Superintendent and his wife have discharged their duties faithfully—that the farm has been well managed and considerably improved—the house kept in good order inside—the poor comfortably fed and clothed, and more value of provisions in the house now than there was a year ago.

We would observe that a large proportion of the outside fence has almost entirely rotted away; that there is great need of a wood house and a house to keep carts, wagons, and other farming tools in—and would recommend that measures be taken to supply those defects without delay.

We would also observe that the plank charged in Mr. Hildreth's account, procured for the bridge near L. Wilson's blacksmith's shop, are now nearly all on hand, the property of town.



REPORT  
OF THE  
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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The Committee having attended to their appropriate duty, as required by law, respectfully submit the following report:

In most of our schools, the past year, such has been the method of instruction and government, pursued by the teachers, as to prove highly satisfactory both to parents and the Committee. In three or four districts, the Committee are privileged to say, that the teachers are entitled to their unqualified approbation; and to their care and instruction, our children may, with the surest confidence of being well taught, be safely committed. At the examination of their schools, the greatest order and neatness were exhibited by the scholars; who, at the same time, gave undoubted evidence of having made most satisfactory progress in their studies.

In two or three districts, the Committee are constrained to say, that the teachers greatly failed in good government and discipline; that the scholars, at the examination of the schools, were disorderly and noisy; giving good evidence of never having been subjected to proper obedience; and that, consequently, little progress was made in their studies. A failure to secure the due obedience of their pupils, has undoubtedly been the greatest fault, the past year, in any of the teachers, either of the Summer, or Winter schools.

# STATISTICS OF THE SEVERAL SCHOOLS. SUMMER TERM, 1849.

District.	Teachers.	School commenced.	Length of School.	Wages per month.	No. of Scholars.	Average attendance.
No. 1,	Mary Montgomery,	May 7,	5 months,	\$9,00	63	45
No. 2,	Chrissa Campbell,	May 7,	4 months,	8,00	63	37
No. 3,	Abigail Hayes,	July 2,	3 months 5 days,	8,00	35	25
No. 4,	Sarah A. Stickney,	June 4,	3 months 6 days,	6,66	24	18
No. 5,	Angeline M. Gage,	May 21,	3 months,	6,00	34	27
No. 6,						
No. 7,	Sarah A. Richardson,	May 27,	3 months,	6,65	42	32
No. 8,	Louisa Marshall,	June 18,	2 months 16 days,	7,00	46	30
No. 9,	Harriet N. Caldwell,	No	return,			
No. 10,	No Summer Term,					
No. 11,	Sarah J. Hazelton,	May 7,	6 months,	6,00	17	12

## WINTER TERM, 1849-50.

No. 1,	James P. Walker,	Nov. 19,	3 months 6 days,	\$21,00	69	48
No. 2,	Jona. McAllister,	Dec. 13,	not closed,	23,00	62	52
No. 3,	Freeman Q. Barrows,	Dec. 3,	2 months 7 days,	16,00	42	26
No. 4,	Leonard P. Brickett,	Nov. 26,	3 months,	15,00	45	38
No. 5,	— Tupper,		not closed,			
No. 6,	Mary A. Morse,	No	return,			
No. 7,	Sarah A. Richareson,	Oct. 31,	3 months 9 days,	10,00	38	29
No. 8,	John M. Ballou,	Nov. 12,	2 months 14 days,	16,00	49	37
No. 9,	Mary Montgomery,	Oct. 16,	3 months 16 days,	9,00	43	35
No. 10,	Mary J. Choate,	Nov. 5,	4 months,	4,00	10	8
No. 11,	No Winter Term,					

In closing their report, the committee would suggest for the consideration of the citizens of the town, a few subjects, which, in their opinion, deeply involve the best interest of our Common Schools.

Our School Houses, although much improved within a few years past, as a general thing, are greatly deficient in the arrangement and appendages, necessary to render them suitable places for the accommodation of the pupils. One or two of them, originally constructed without any regard to the comfort or convenience of children, have not as yet undergone any improvement. This is particularly the case with the School House in District No. 5. Your Committee hope that, before the close of the present year, the parents of that District, will make their School House a comfortable and healthy place of resort for their children. Should this be done, they might reasonably expect that, under the same instruction, besides rendering the government and general management of the scholars far easier for the teacher, much greater progress would be made in their studies.

Many of our School Houses, your committee regret to say, are destitute of any out-house. In such cases, the pupils are in danger of an unbecoming exposure to each other and to travelers; and thus, in early life, are liable to contract habits of immodesty and indecency.

Every School House should be furnished with decent out buildings, as an indispensable requisite. There should be two back yards, properly arranged for the two sexes, that the whole school may have a recess at the same time; thus not only saving thirty minutes each day, but affording the teacher an opportunity of taking a recess with his pupils, and of having, during that time, a general oversight of their behavior.

Most of our School Houses are too contracted in their dimensions. Something more than a hat room merely, is necessary for the proper accommodation of scholars. The school room should be ample in extent, and well ventilated. This the health and comfort of our children imperiously demand.

When a small room is heated by a close stove without being



ventilated, and crowded with scholars, the air will shortly become impure, and ill suited to the healthy action either of body or mind. Under such circumstances the pupils become restless, and the task of well governing the school is doubly increased.

The Committee are persuaded, that much improvement might be made in the study of English Grammar. As this branch is generally taught, the progress made by the scholar bears no proportion to the amount of time bestowed upon it. We would by no means exclude this branch of study from our common schools. But we would have it taught thoroughly, and in such a manner, as to enable our children in reality "to speak and write the English language correctly."

To effect this object, English Grammar should be taught in a more practical manner, than it now is. Instead of requiring children to spend so much time as is now done, in committing to memory definitions and rules, which they do not comprehend, and cannot apply, their attention should be directed to practical exercises; such as writing a short description of some object either natural or artificial; or addressing short notes to each other, their teachers, or to their parents. By having these exercises corrected, the pupils will, at the same time, be improving in orthography, as well as acquiring a correct knowledge of the proper use of the English language. But according to the present mode of teaching English Grammar, this last and most important object of this study, is but partially attained.

Parents, we fear, are not sufficiently aware of the great importance of their coöperation with teachers, in order to secure the good government and discipline of the school: and we could wish, that their attention might be turned more directly to this subject. It is certain that unless the teacher can command the obedience of his scholars, however capable he may be to impart instruction, all his efforts to that effect will be frustrated, and the great purposes, for which they are sent to school, entirely lost to them.

Many a teacher, when he finds he has the sympathy and coöperation of parents, will succeed in the government and discipline of his school, but will, without such sympathy and coöpe-



ration, completely fail to secure the obedience, and, therefore, the respect and attention of his scholars.

We see no better way, in which parents can testify their interest in the prosperity of their schools, than by occasionally visiting them; and especially at the closing examination. We are happy to state that, in several instances, there has been a sensible improvement in this respect.

In Districts Nos. 1, 4 and 9, the closing examination of the schools, was well attended by interested, and apparently highly gratified spectators. It is hardly necessary to discuss in this report, the beneficial effects of such visits either upon teacher, pupils or parents. It must be evident that when such a closing examination becomes the practice, both teacher, and pupils will look forward to it with no small degree of interest; and parents surely cannot be indifferent to the character of such examinations, when the reputation of their own children is involved.

A. F. HILDRETH,	} <i>Superintending</i>
D. W. DICKEY,	
ALEXIS PROCTOR,	

*School Committee.*

Derry, March, 1850.

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REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN, AUDITORS,

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

OF THE

TOWN OF DERRY,

FOR 1850-51.

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MANCHESTER:

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1852.





## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

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### ROADS AND BRIDGES.

1851.

March 6, For paid John M. Kendall,	\$2.50
James Webster, making new road,	23 00
E. G. Dustin, plank for bridge, 1850,	1 63
George Shute, labor of oxen, &c.,	5 48
Parker Adams, stringers and labor,	4 00
Peter J. Hornes' bill for lumber, and labor on 2 bridges,	65 43
Robert Taylor's bill for land,	34 25
Robert T. Chase,	19 00
Nathaniel Hastings,	1 00
James Taylor. 3d,	2 00
Isaac J. A. Hastings,	1 00
Christopher Chase,	1 00
George A. Goodhue,	5 00
Josiah H. Adams,	1 25
William Larabee,	1 25
Lyman Hayes,	18 00
Ebenezer T. Clark,	2 67
Ebenezer A. Clark,	1 40
William H. Proctor,	8 00
Keadley Shields,	3 00
Asa Proctor,	4 00
Silas Proctor,	1 00
Robert Clendenin,	9 00
George Ela, for land and moving wall,	39 74
Sylvanus Brown,	5 25
William Dustin,	3 13
Leonard Brickett,	13 70
Alexis Proctor,	3 00
Alonzo Bly,	1 00
Abraham D. Jenness,	80
Samuel C. Bailey,	1 25
Samuel Clark, 2d,	1 50
James Taylor, 2d,	1 75
John Gregg,	3 75
William C. Humphrey,	2 16
John C. Rowell,	4 50
Hugh M. Campbell,	8 00
Nathaniel M. Taylor,	1 45
Edmund Adams, 2d,	3 50
Abraham D. Jenness,	3 60
Samuel C. Bailey,	3 00
Ebenezer T. Clark,	4 90

March 6, For paid Robert W. Thompson, for 1850,	\$ 00
John L. Fletcher,	5 58
Daniel J. Day,	1 56
John Patten,	8 49
George Shute,	6 49
James C. Taylor,	3 08
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	\$349 04

## ALMS HOUSE.

For paid for pasturing cattle,	\$8 25
Isaac Howe, for supplies,	56 77
John Kimball,	4 84
Charles C. Parker, for supplies,	35 32
Calvin Vickory, balance for horse,	34 00
Leonard Bricket,	2 52
Lucien Harper, for supplies,	37 53
Leonard Wilson,	9 91
David C. Palmer,	4 50
Samuel B. Hope,	4 16
George H. Taylor,	55 39
Charles C. Parker,	3 07
Charles Davis,	6 83
James H. Crombie,	17 00
John Gregg,	2 00
Samuel C. Kimball,	45 00
1852 Feb 17, Samuel C. Kimball, balance of salary,	148 51
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	\$475 60

### Credit.

Since the foregoing account was closed, there has been received from the county and paid to the town treasurer, for support of county paupers at alms house,	\$254 00
Received from town of Auburn,	18 76
Due from Edmund Kimball, and others, for labor,	38 17
Labor done on Horne's bridge,	24 00
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	\$334 93
Balance, \$140 67, being the net expense of the alms house, for the past year.	

## CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

1851.	
March 8, For paid auditors,	\$ 54
R. M. Bailey, postage,	2 75
Moses Webster, for guaranteeing outstanding taxes for 1850,	15 00
Robert T. Chase,	50
Isaiah A. Dustin,	1 25
Amos C. Rowe,	2 00
Albin Beard,	2 30
Alexis Proctor, superintendent school committee, for 1850,	10 00
Ebenezer Cogswell,	3 92
Woodburn Nichols, notifying town officers,	5 00
A. F. Hildreth, sup't school committee,	5 00
Ira W. Ring,	1 25
William Anderson, running town lines, &c.,	5 00
D. W. Dickey, sup't school committee,	11 57

March 3, For paid J. W. Nesmith, town treasurer,	20 00
Moses Webster, collecting taxes,	61 46
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	\$153 54

## ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

1851.			
April 24,	For paid Moses Webster, abatements on his tax list for 1850,	\$25 47	
	For abatement of Nathan Johnson's poll tax,	1 75	
	Samuel Wilson's tax,	1 00	
1852.			
Feb. 17,	For abatement on Moses Webster's tax list for 1851,	23 15	
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		\$51 37	

## NON-RESIDENT HIGHWAY TAX RECEIPTS.

1851.			
April 24,	For paid Moses Webster, for non-resident tax receipts, taken up by him in list of 1850,	\$10 79	
	Parker Adams, working tax,	2 70	
	Caleb Richardson, "	1 80	
	Nathaniel Hastings, "	1 07	
	Robert T. Chase, "	78	
	Robert Clendenin, "	6 87	
	John Gregg, "	1 58	
	Joseph P. Emery, "	5 56	
	Hiram Dorr, "	3 22	
	Isaac Howe, "	3 17	
	Leonard Bricket, "	09	
	John L. Fletcher, "	3 11	
1852.			
Feb. 17,	Moses Webster, non-resident highway tax receipts taken up him,	48 88	
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		\$89 62	

## TRANSIENT POOR.

1851,			
Nov.	For paid Jeremiah Hayes, for 5 1-2 cords of wood for Mrs. S. Sargent,	\$16 00	
	paid town of Bedford, support Mrs. Adams,	1 78	
	Charles C. Parker, provisions furnished S. Nichols and family,	15 00	
	J. C. Eastman, medical attendance on Daniel Nichols and family,	13 00	
	town of Auburn,	2 00	
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		\$47 78	

## SCHOOLS.

1851.			
For paid school district No. 1,		\$155 25	
	No. 2,	161 65	
	No. 3,	69 17	
	No. 4,	94 75	
	No. 4, balance due 1850,	9 78	
	No. 5,	54 25	

For paid school district No. 6,	54 85
No. 7,	98 04
No. 8,	88 90
No. 9,	72 00
No. 10,	30 56
No. 11,	54 63
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	\$343 83

### NOTES PAID.

1851.			\$336 00
March 17,	For paid Elizabeth Waterman,		200 00
April 8,	William Moor, 2 notes,		150 00
30,	Joseph Chase,		100 00
	Richard K. Bricket,		400 00
May 30,	William Moor,		363 66
Oct. 30,	William Ela,		
1852.			
Jan. 24,	Ebenezer T. Clark,		100 00
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			\$1649 66

### BOOKS AND STATIONERY.

1852.			
Feb. 12,	For paid Tappan & Whittemore, for record books for		\$24 00
	selectmen and town clerk,		1 50
17,	For paid J. C. Taylor, for stationery one year,		
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			\$25 50

### INTEREST PAID.

1851.			
March 17,	For paid Elizabeth Waterman,		\$9 07
	William Moor,		31 42
April 30,	Richard K. Bricket,		3 50
	Joseph Chase,		6 22
May 30,	William Moor,		72 04
Oct. 30,	William Ela,		122 07
1852.			
Jan. 24,	Ebenezer T. Clark,		15 31
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			\$259 63

### GRAVE YARD EXPENSE.

1851.			
April	For paid William B. Wilson, for digging graves prior		\$5 68
	to April 1st, 1851.		34 66
	For paid P. B. Stevens, for digging graves,		75
	Stephen W. Dole,		3 00
	John Humphrey,		
1852.			
Feb. 14,	David Basset, for steel for sleigh shoes,		1 56
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			\$45 60



## SELECTMEN'S SERVICES.

1852.			
Feb.	17,	For paid John Patten's bill for services,	\$63 53
		James C. Taylor's,	72 36
		George Shute's bill,	43 07
		J. C. Taylor's bill for 1850,	5 81
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			\$184 27

## JAMES W. NESMITH, TOWN TREASURER.

1351.			
March	17,	For cash balance in treasury, March 17, 1851,	\$575 75
		notes received of L. Harper, former treasurer,	417 50
April		cash received of Moses Webster, being balance	
		of outstanding taxes for 1850,	1350 77
		cash received of selectmen at various times,	965 00
June	14,	literary fund received from state,	70 05
May	30,	cash received from town of Stratham,	19 98
		for license,	30 00
		railroad tax received from state,	382 50
		interest received,	4 30
1852.			
Feb.		cash rec'd of Moses Webster, on tax lists for 1851,	1762 00
		from town of Auburn,	31 76
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			\$5609 61
✓ 1852. Cr.			
Feb.	17,	By Alanson Tucker's note for literary fund,	\$400 00
		D. S. Tray's note,	17 50
		amount of orders paid,	4609 17
1852.			
Feb.	17,	By cash in treasury this day,	582 94
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			\$5609 61
1852.			
Feb.	17,	To amount of cash in treasurer's hands this day,	\$582 94

## OUTSTANDING ORDERS.

For paid order No. 130,		\$	37
No. 134,			54
No. 137,			133 06
No. 152,			50
No. 158,			52 64
No. 159,			9 73
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			\$196 84

## NOTES PAYABLE.

1847.				
Oct.	4,	Due Joshua Morse,	\$150 00	Int. due.
		do do do	50 00	
		Due William Moor,	300 00	\$46 63
1848.				70 00
Feb.	17,	George Moor,	400 00	86 26
	17,	Sarah H. Moor,	100 00	21 61

			Int. due.
1849.			
Dec. 14,	George Moor, 2d,	100 00	16 82
Jan. 27,	George Moor,	600 00	96 96
Feb. 10,	David Bisset,	400 00	63 45
Oct. 8,	George N. Warner,	70 00	8 45
	George Moor,	100 00	12 07
1850.			
Jan. 31,	Eleanor Kimball,	115 00	12 05
Feb. 5,	George N. Warner,	361 27	38 00
April 13,	Parker Adams,	800 00	75 00
Aug. 5,	George Moor,	100 00	7 77
	John C. Warner,	100 00	7 77
Oct. 5,	Ithamer Hubbard,	100 00	6 90
	Lilly Cochran,	32 00	2 18
Dec. 14,	Betsy M. Davis,	480 73	29 16
	William Moor,	156 68	6 66
1851.			
May 30,	George Moor,	200 00	7 16
Oct. 28,	Sarah H. Clark,	265 00	4 88
	William Ela,	200 00	3 00
1852.			
Jan. 24,	Ebenezer T. Clark,	100 00	40
		<u>\$5283 68</u>	<u>\$623 18</u>

### INSANE ASYLUM.

Paid insane asylum, support of Sarah Cowdry, \$81 45

### MOSES WEBSTER, COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

1851.			
	For list of resident taxes for 1851,	\$3658 90	
	non-resident taxes for 1851,	438 43	
		<u>\$4097 33</u>	
1851. Cn.			
Sept.	By paid county tax,	\$777 57	
Dec. 16,	state tax,	420 00	
1852.			
Feb.	cash paid town treasurer,	1762 00	
	17, amount of outstanding taxes,	1137 78	
		<u>\$4097 33</u>	
1852.			
Feb. 17,	To amount of uncollected taxes,	\$1137 78	

### COUNTY POOR OUT OF ALMS HOUSE.

1851.			
March,	For paid Simpson & Co., supplies for Cornelias Mahoney,	\$13 00	

## RAILROAD TAX.

1851. Dec.	16, By cash received from state treasurer, for rail- road tax,	\$382 50
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## COUNTY TAX.

1851. Sept.	For paid county tax,	\$777 57
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## STATE TAX.

1851. Dec.	Paid state tax,	\$420 00
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## LITERARY FUND.

1852. Feb.	17, By A. Tucker's note for literary fund,	\$400 00
	cash received from state "	70 05
	1 year's interest on A. Tucker's note,	24 00
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		\$494 05

1851. Dr.	For paid for support of schools,	\$94 05
	balance to new account,	400 00
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		\$494 05

1852. Feb.	17, By A. Tucker's note for literary fund,	\$400 00
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# RECEIPTS.

1851.			
March 3,	By cash in treasury this day,	\$579 83	
	received for outstanding taxes, 1850,	1350 77	
June 14,	state literary fund,	70 05	
Dec. 16,	for railroad tax,	382 50	
	received on tax list for 1851,	2959 57	
	hired for use of the town,	765 00	
	outstanding orders,	153 48	
	cash received from town of Auburn,	31 76	
	for license,	30 00	
	interest on notes,	4 30	
1851.			
April	cash received from town of Stratham,	19 93	

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\$6347 24

# TOWN OF DERRY.

1852. Dr.		
Feb. 17,	To notes payable,	\$5283 68
	interest due on notes,	623 80
	outstanding orders,	153 48
	due Moody Morse,	4 00
	note for literary fund,	400 00

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\$6464 96



## EXPENDITURES.

For paid for repair of roads and bridges,	\$349 04
contingent expenses,	153 54
non-resident tax receipts,	89 62
abatement of taxes,	51 37
expense of grave yard,	45 60
selectmen's services,	184 27
notes,	1649 66
interest on notes,	259 63
books and stationery,	25 50
schools,	943 83
to transient poor,	47 78
county tax,	777 57
state tax,	420 00
outstanding orders for 1850,	196 84
insane asylum support of Sarah Cowdry,	81 45
almshouse expenses,	475 60
county poor out of almshouse,	13 00
cash in treasury Feb. 17, 1852,	582 94
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	\$6347 24

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## TOWN OF DERRY.

1852. Cr.		
Feb. 17, By	A Tucker's note for literary fund,	\$400 00
	uncollected taxes in collector's hands,	1137 76
	one year's interest on A. Tucker's note,	24 00
	cash received from county,	348 45
	claims against the county,	45 47
	cash due from Edmund Kimball,	33 00
	George Warner,	5 17
	Londonderry,	7 00
	Salem,	5 00
	Strafford,	109 60
	D. S. Tray's note,	17 50
	cash in treasury this day,	582 94
	balance being amount of town debt,	3749 07
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		\$6464 96
1852.		
Feb. 17, To	balance being amount of town debt,	\$3749 07

Derry, Feb. 20, 1852.

The undersigned, auditors, having audited the town accounts of the year, as presented by the selectmen, they find the same correctly cast and satisfactory vouchers corresponding thereto.

LUCIEN HARPER,  
EDMUND ADAMS, 3d, } Auditors.  
JOSIAH H. ADAMS,

In obedience to a vote of the town at its last annual meeting, the foregoing report of the doings of your selectmen for the year 1851, is respectfully submitted.

It will be seen by the accounts that the balance of debt now against the town is \$3749 07. At the commencement of the present fiscal year the debt was \$4876 17—showing a reduction of debt during the year, of \$1127 10.

All the notes payable by the town are on 5 per cent interest.

It will be perceived that the actual net expense of the alms house has been somewhat less the past year, than usual, and that the stock on the farm has been increased in numbers and value—as has also the farming tools and household stuff.

JOHN PATTEN,  
JAMES C. TAYLOR, } Selectmen  
GEORGE SHUTE, } of  
Derry.

# REPORT

## OF THE

### SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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Your committee, on submitting their annual report of the schools in this town, feel constrained to draw your attention to the evident marks of

#### PROGRESS.

Perhaps it is not too much to say that the pupils in our *best regulated* schools are now as far advanced, in the common branches taught, at twelve years of age, as formerly at twenty. The inquiry arises, from whence is the progress? Is it that more time is expended in attending school? In most instances the increased wages of teachers, and other incidental expenses, until recently unknown, more than counterbalance any increase of appropriation, so that in almost any district the number of weeks is now less than formerly.

If, then, we are correct in maintaining that progress has been made, we must look for the cause elsewhere. In the first place, our text books and school house apparatus have been simplified, and in some respects greatly improved. In a *few* instances our school houses have been reconstructed upon improved plans, but in a *large* number, while the *jewels* have become polished, in spite of discomfort and inconvenience, the dingy old *casket*,—uncomfortable, cold, repulsive,—remains the same. But the principal and most obvious source of the improvement of which we speak, is found in the improved methods of teaching, and the better qualifications of teachers. Doubtless the greater part of our teachers are still below the proper standard, but by means of institutes and schools for the education of teachers, where the practical principles of the subject are more specifically inculcated, the business is more perfectly understood and more efficiently pursued.

All, therefore, who are desirous of progress in this matter,

must be careful to secure the services of competent and faithful teachers. Let them use every possible effort to secure such as can govern as well as instruct. A teacher may pass a good examination, and, so far as literary qualifications are concerned, answer the requirements of law, and yet be so deficient in *practical* common sense, so destitute in wisdom to teach, or so wanting in skillful government, as to render him utterly unfit for the office of a teacher of youth. More good can be accomplished by a *good thorough master* of the business in one month, than by a *bungler* all winter.

## TEACHERS.

In most instances we notice increased earnestness and labor on the part of teachers, more system, and great fidelity in their work. Yet some fail in securing the most important of all requisites to a good school, order. Others fail in some little externals, which contribute proportionably to swell or diminish the teacher's influence. When the discerning passer-by observes the wood-pile scattered about the door, the broom on the doorstep, and missiles, mud and snow-balls in the entry, he is never at a loss to conjecture the state of things within. Teachers lose nothing by the practice of neatness within and around the school room, and may do much to cultivate a suitable reverence for the place of instruction, and a just taste for rural decoration and ornament.

## DISCIPLINE.

One of the first things to which the committee direct their attention, on visiting a school, is its *discipline*. It is utterly in vain to hope for intellectual improvement where there is confusion. When there is constant diversion of mind, all efforts to develop and strengthen its various powers will be useless. There have been one or two instances of insubordination, in regard to which we attach more blame to parents than to pupils. Parents are apt to listen to the fault-finding of their children with their teachers, who are condemned on an *ex-parte* hearing. When we employ a teacher to instruct our children, we expect him to adopt such rules and regulations as will best conduce to the good government of the school and to the pupils' progress; and it is the duty of parents, in *all* cases, to co-operate with the teacher in enforcing these regulations. If parents would not render a school worse than useless to their own children, let them, before listening to their complaints or speaking against their teacher, ascertain to their full satisfaction that the teacher is in fault, and unworthy to be intrusted with the important charge. As soon as the parent opens his mouth, in the hearing of his children, against their school teacher, that teacher can do



them but little good in the matter of instruction. We do not hold to scholars being *abused*, but if lenient measures do not take effect, coercive *must be applied*. Scholars who are under due subjection at home may generally, by proper measures, be managed by their teacher within the walls of the school room.

## PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEES.

Whoever engages to look after the interests of his district, should feel that his duties are *responsible*. He should not forget that a little remissness on his part may be very deleterious to the success of the school. In the language of the statute, "It shall be the duty of the prudential committee to select and hire teachers for the district, provide for their board, furnish necessary fuel, make such occasional repairs as may be necessary, not exceeding five per cent. of the school money for the district, *notify the superintending school committee of the commencement of the summer and winter schools,*" (which is too often neglected), "and give them all such information and assistance as may be necessary for the performance of their duties." When, therefore, we observe doors without panels, windows without glass, or blinds swinging in the wind, with no means of securing them, we are constrained to feel that the prudential committee has overlooked part of his duty.

The superintendence of the several schools was in the spring allotted to the various members of the committee, by assigning to Mr. Eldreth Nos. 2, 3 and 9, to Mr. Dickey Nos. 1, 8, 10 and 11, and to Mr. Proctor the remaining four. Mr. H. subsequently resigning his office, the superintendence of the schools under his care devolved on Mr. Dickey, and are so reported by the members of the committee, with the exception of the winter school in No. 7.

It is but proper to say that in many of the schools a very commendable interest was manifested by the members of the district in their full attendance at the closing examination. Among these we may mention Districts Nos. 1, 2, 4, 8, 9 and 10.

### DISTRICT No. 1.

Your committee are happy to report that all the terms of school in this district, the past year, have been taught by able and efficient teachers, whose efforts have been crowned with the most gratifying success.

The early part of the summer term, under the care of Miss Mary Montgomery, was visited at its commencement with the satisfaction common to this successful and well-known teacher. The latter part of the term was under the care of Miss Sarah J. Moore. We regret that through a misunderstanding of the

time of its close, the school was not visited by the committee while under her care.

An interval, however, of a few weeks, found the pupils of this school prepared for another vigorous effort, determined to profit by the teachings of Mr. L. P. Brickett, their winter teacher. Mr. B., in his instructions, indulges in few novelties or unmeaning formalities, but labors faithfully to impress the fundamental principles of science upon the minds of his pupils. The closing exhibition of this term was one of unalloyed satisfaction to the many visitors present. The faithfulness and energy of the teacher, as well as the industry of the pupils, were most happily exhibited in their correct recitations and prompt answers.

The mutual and cordial attachment between teacher and pupils was here most beautifully ratified, by presenting to the teacher a neat and valuable present as a pledge of the respect and esteem of his pupils.

## DISTRICT No. 2.

The summer term of this school was not visited by either of the present members of the committee. It was Miss Brown's second effort in this place, and we have good reason to believe that the school was successful and satisfactory.

Of the winter term, without detracting from the merits of any other, we shall be justified in pronouncing this the *model school*. Whether we regard the tact and ingenuity of the teacher, the taste and neatness displayed by the scholars in ornamenting the school room, or the promptness, thoroughness and energy of the pupils, this school will be *hard to beat*. Here we have the first practical use of outline maps, (introduced by the teacher), which no visitor can witness without observing their great utility in teaching geography. It is hoped that all interested in the success of our schools will learn the value of this simple but efficient mode of imparting instruction, and speedily take measures to secure them for the benefit of all our schools.

Here, as in several other of our schools, the law of kindness prevailed, and the closing exercises were enlivened by an *original* address from one of the pupils, in sentiments truly affecting, and most happily adapted to the occasion, accompanied by the presentation of a valuable set of books. Although this touching portion of the exhibition was entirely unexpected to the teacher, he promptly responded in a short, pertinent and forcible reply.

## DISTRICT No. 3.

The summer school in this district was not visited by either of the present members of the committee, therefore no report

of it can be given. The winter term, from near the first, was marked by insubordination and disrespect for the teacher on the part of a few of the scholars, which may have forced her into some slight indiscretions, tending to injure her influence and the success of the school.

Upon a hearing before the committee, in accordance with the application of a majority of the voters in the district for the dismissal of the teacher, it did not appear but that she had labored faithfully to promote the interest of the school. A part of the scholars were evidently benefitted by her instruction, while others had become so disaffected as to withdraw from the school before its close.

#### DISTRICT No. 4.

The summer term of this school was under the care of Miss Louisa Marshal. The discipline and instruction in this school were very good. The recitations of the pupils gave evidence that the teaching was thorough and faithfully performed.

Winter term by Mr. O. E. Moore. This was his first attempt. As an evidence of the satisfaction afforded, his services were retained several weeks in a private school. We think, however, that a more rigid adherence to *discipline* would contribute to the general welfare of the school, and give greater efficiency to the labors of the teacher.

#### DISTRICT No. 5.

In the summer term of this school the scholars made very commendable progress. The discipline was generally good. The teacher succeeded in exciting an interest in the pupils for study. If the scholars had not been so irregular in attendance the school would not have suffered by comparison with any in town.

Winter. The teacher commenced with a determination to maintain order, which was much needed. In this she succeeded. Some parents supposed their children too severely treated, and withdrew them from the school before its close. Those who remained were irregular in their attendance, which rendered it difficult to make any good progress. Still there are some good scholars here, and the district contains the elements of a good school.

#### DISTRICT No. 6.

The summer term here was taught by Miss Caroline E. Webster, in which she manifested an earnest devotion to the business of teaching. She succeeded in awakening the interest of her pupils in their studies, and secured their respect and



esteem. The closing examination was highly creditable to both teacher and pupils, and satisfactory to the committee.

The winter school was taught by Miss Lydia A. Webster, who fully sustained the character of the school. In reading and spelling several of the scholars in this school excel.

#### DISTRICT No. 7.

The government of this school, though mild, was generally efficient. The progress made by the scholars in their several studies was quite satisfactory. The teacher, in the opinion of the committee, possesses uncommon skill in imparting instruction, with simplicity, clearness and accuracy; while her mild and interesting deportment wins the confidence and affection of her pupils.

The winter school here cannot be so justly praised. Mr. Marston is doubtless qualified to impart instruction, but failed in establishing *order* and inculcating *neatness* in the school room. To these there is a manifest disinclination on the part of several members of the school, whose destructive and disorderly habits will be hard to cure until they get a better house. And even then, we fear, some of them will have too little reverence for the *place* of instruction to give good heed to the incitements of wisdom and knowledge. It is hardly to be expected that refinement and intelligence will, in these days, flourish *best* where little or no regard is paid to external decency.

Teacher and pupils should remember that "Order is heaven's first law," while it is hardly less wisely added, "Neatness is the second."

We doubt if the school was satisfactory either to the teacher or those he served.

#### DISTRICT No. 8.

In this district the school has been wholly kept by a female teacher, commencing in the early part of summer, and continuing, with the exception of two short vacations, until the money was expended.

This arrangement was not entirely satisfactory to those who needed the assistance of their older scholars during the busy season, but was favorable to the younger portion, which forms a large numerical part of the school.

We are happy to believe there is in this district an increasing interest in the school, and that the labors of their late teacher were highly appreciated. Considering that a large part of the pupils are very young, the time when progress is less perceptible than at a more advanced age, we cannot but regard the success of this school as highly gratifying.

There has been a cause of complaint for some years in this district,



that some of the more *ambitious* scholars, either desirous of *elevating* their characters in the view of the school, or for purposes of greater *seclusion from the world*, have, during school hours, occupied the *attic* over the school room, to the no small annoyance of the teacher and others beneath.

We would respectfully suggest to the members of the district that, if there must be a means of access to this upper apartment, it should be from the *school room* rather than the *entry*, thus avoiding the temptation to disturb the quiet and success of the school by those whose motto is "*Upward.*"

#### DISTRICT No. 9.

This school is one of the number assigned to Mr. Hildreth, the summer term of which was not visited by either of the present members of the committee.

The winter term, taught by Miss Susan D. Hazeltine, was in a high degree successful. In the early part of the school the teacher acquired the confidence and esteem of her pupils, which rendered the task of governing easy and pleasant. The closing examination showed that the pupils had not been indifferent to the judicious instructions of their affectionate teacher. Considerable attention was paid to composition, and some of their productions would do credit to persons much older. It was truly pleasing to observe the mutually kind feelings subsisting between the teacher and her school, which was appropriately expressed in an original address from one of the older pupils, and ratified by the presentation of a beautiful bible to the teacher.

#### DISTRICTS No. 10 & 11.

In each of these districts the money has been expended as usual, in one term, in summer and autumn. It is to be regretted that the territory of our school districts should be so constructed as to compel these fragments of districts to struggle, not merely with limited means, but too small a number of scholars (ten each) to make the school interesting. The schools in both have been well instructed the past season, and the progress as great as could well be expected. Doubtless the members of these districts fully recognize their duty to do what they can to educate their children, but they should by all means try to increase the number.

Thus your committee, in the brief space allotted them, have endeavored to present a correct and impartial account of the condition and success of the several schools; however otherwise it may seem to some teachers or individual members of respective districts. With due deference to such opinions, so it seems to the committee.

DAVID W. DICKEY,  
ALEXIS PROCTOR,

*Superintending School Committee*

## STATISTICS OF THE SEVERAL SCHOOLS.

Summer, 1851.

No. Dist.	TEACHER.	Wages p. month.	No. of Weeks	No. of Sch'rs	Average at'duice	Over 16 yrs.	Under 16 yrs.
1	Mary Montgomery.	\$ 8 00	20	50	40	1	49
2	Julia A. Brown,	10 00	16	54	40	—	54
3	Abby Hayes.	8 00	16	26	19	1	25
4	Louisa Marshall,	6 66	11	31	24	—	31
5	Sarah J. Gilcreast.	6 00	10	27	18	1	26
6	Caroline E. Webster.	6 00	7	15	12	—	15
7	Sarah Moore.	6 00	10	34	25	1	34
8	H. M. Hazelton,	8 00	9	43	35	1	34
9	Lucinda Clark,	6 00	8	25	21	—	25
10	Margaret Holmes,	5 00	13½	14	10	1	13
11	A. Hazelton.	6 00	20	10	7	—	10

Winter, 1851-52.

1	L. P. Brickett.	22 00	11	60	49	5	55
2	A. Proctor.	25 00	11½	70	52	14	56
3	Caroline E. Webster,	8 33	12½	37	25	3	34
4	O. E. Moore.	18 00	10	39	31	2	37
5	Belinda McKeen.	6 00	8	25	15	2	23
6	Lydia A. Webster,	6 00	10½	18	14	2	16
7	Joseph Marston.	14 00	12	32	23	4	28
8	H. M. Hazelton,	8 00	15½	52	38	9	43
9	Susan D. Hazeltine,	8 00	13	39	34	7	32
10	No winter schools.						
11	" " "						

# REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN, AUDITORS,

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

**TOWN OF DERRY,**

**FOR 1852--53.**



MANCHESTER, N. H.:

POWER PRINTING ESTABLISHMENT OF ABBOTT, JENKS & CO  
1853.





# SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

## ROADS AND BRIDGES.

1852.

Feb. 6, For paid	David Corning,	\$2 00
	John N. Brown,	3 00
	John Kelley,	80
	J. Sheldon and Silas Proctor,	12 00
	Hugh M. Campbell,	23 40
	James Taylor, 2d,	5 08
	William B. Wilson,	3 50
	David Stinson,	17 84
	David Stinson,	7 60
	Samuel Clark, 2d,	7 70
	Alvin J. Chase,	3 50
	Alvin J. Chase,	1 00
	Alvin J. Chase,	80
	Abraham D. Jenness,	6 30
	John Copp,	10 50
	Edmund Adams, 2d,	28 40
	Edmund Adams, 2d,	5 75
	Alonzo Bly,	17 25
	Peter J. Horn,	56 00
	M. & Lawrence R. R. freight of derrick,	2 40
	Horace Bond,	3 00
	Benjamin Merrill,	4 87
	Samuel Clark, 2d,	20 25
	Joseph P. Emery,	17 28
	Philip Major,	5 00
	John Robins,	1 30
	Lyman Hayes,	5 00
	Lyman Hayes, making new road,	25 31
	Edward G. Shute,	1 00
	William C. Ela,	7 50
	Christopher Chase,	5 25
	Nathaniel Hastings,	1 00
	Robert T. Chase,	6 00
	Isaac Chase,	6 50
	Jonas Herrick,	1 00
	Barker & Palmer,	26 50
	James Palmer,	4 37
	John Burnham,	2 34
	Isaac A. Botterfield,	10 00
	John H. Miltimore,	5 50

Edmund Adams, 3d,	1 00
Joshua Pilsbury,	1 00
Eben T. Clark,	2 30
Samuel Wilson,	3 75
John T. G. Dinsmore,	4 50
Swain & Ingalls,	5 44
Samuel C. Bailey,	1 00
Edmund Adams, 2d,	2 50
Robert Clendennin,	2 42
Moses Hamilton,	2 00
Estate of John Folsom, for land,	14 81
William Cogswell,	2 25
Daniel P. Page,	7 00
Leonard Bricket,	2 50
John Kelley,	75
William Cunningham,	6 05
D. Batchelder,	1 75
Nathaniel M. & James C. Taylor, for plank for bridges,	15 92
James C. Taylor, for stringers,	6 00
Samuel F. Taylor, labor, &c.,	6 50
Robert Jeffers,	11 75
Daniel J. Day,	11 75
George Shute, for labor, &c.,	21 78
Hugh Jones,	7 60
D. N. Batchelder, use of derrick,	5 00

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\$521 01

### NON-RESIDENT HIGHWAY TAX RECEIPTS.

1852.

May,

For paid Moses Webster, for tax receipts, taken up by him for 1851,	\$7 90
J. H. Waterman, working tax,	26
Abraham Evans,	8 25
Jacob Sheldon,	2 45
Horace Bond,	1 51
Christopher Chase,	4 39
Samuel Hatch,	4 12
William H. Proctor,	5 00
Moses Hamilton,	55
John Hemphill,	2 07
John C. Drew,	4 27
David Stinson,	68
Edward G. Shute,	1 75
William Cogswell,	58
Sylvanus Brown,	1 05
Moses Webster, for non-resident tax re- ceipts taken up,	56 06

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\$100 89

### CONTINGENCIES.

For paid auditors,	\$3 54
R. M. Bailey, postage,	1 75

Joseph A. Greggs,	1 00
Ithamer Hubbard,	75
James O. Adams, printing town reports,	16 50
Albert Noyes,	50
Moses Webster, for guaranteeing out- standing taxes,	15 00
C. & G. C. Winchester, damage,	10 00
William B. Shute,	4 00
Alexis Proctor,	4 00
John Patten, for wood, 1852,	2 00
Robert Chase, Jr., for postage,	1 18
Ebenezer Cogswell,	5 17
David Clement,	8 00
R. Hayes, Jr.,	2 00
James Taylor, for wood,	2 42
James C. Taylor,	1 00
George Shute,	11 89
Town Treasurer for D. S. Troy's note, considered worthless,	17 50
John Porter's bill,	37 00
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	\$145 20

#### ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

1852.

For paid Benjamin Anderson, abatement poll tax,	\$1 75
Moses Webster, for abatement on his list for 1851,	17 27
Jane Aiken, and Clarissa Little,	3 63
Edmund Adams, abatement of poll tax for the years 1847 & 1848,	3 11
Samuel Kimball, poll tax,	1 45
John Folsom's estate,	4 00
Moses Webster, abatements on his tax list for 1852,	23 79
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	\$55 00

#### GRAVE YARD EXPENSES.

1852.

For paid Plummer B. Stevens, for digging graves, and repair of tools,	\$42 00
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#### TOWN OFFICERS' SERVICES.

1852.

For paid Alexis Proctor, services as Sup't School Committee, for 1851,	\$10 00
Ira W. Ring, notifying town officers,	5 00
John Patten's bill for services 1851 & '52,	11 20
James C. Taylor, for services 1851 & '52,	14 82
Moses Webster, collecting taxes,	63 34
E. L. Griffin, sup't School Committee,	16 00
Joshua W. Wellman, " "	16 00
Samuel F. Taylor's bill for services,	56 75

George Shute's bill, for services,	57 71
George Shute for 1851 & 1852,	3 54
James C. Taylor, for services,	84 19
J. W. Nesmith, services Town Treasurer,	20 00

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\$358 55

### NOTES PAID.

1852.			
Mar.	For paid Sarah H. Clark's note,		265 00
23,	Betsey M. Davis' "		480 73
30,	Ithamar Hubbard,		100 00
May 15,	Eben T. Clark,		100 00
21,	William Ela,		200 00
21,	Joshua Morse, two notes,		200 00
1853.			
Jan. 8,	George Moor,		1000 00
	Sarah H. Moor,		100 00

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\$2,445 73

### INTEREST PAID.

1852.			
Mar. 23,	For paid Betsey M. Davis.		\$30 97
30,	Ithamar Hubbard,		7 18
May 15,	Eben T. Clark,		1 54
	William Ela,		5 56
	Joshua Morse,		50 68
	George Moor,		236 42
	Sarah H. Moor,		26 56
	Sarah H. Clark,		5 56

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\$364 47

### BOOKS AND STATIONERY.

1852.			
	Paid for invoice book,		\$1 12
	G. Parker Lyon, for highway warrants,		3 25
	Abbott, Jenks & Co., for blank orders,		2 25
	Currier & Eastman, for collector's books,		50
	Samuel F. Taylor,		50
	Albin Beard, printing tax bills,		2 00
	James C. Taylor, for stationery, &c.,		2 50

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\$12 12

### SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

1852.			
	For paid school district No. 1,		\$162 72
	2,		172 39
	3,		70 82
	4,		96 66
	5,		52 14
	6,		52 29
	7,		97 03
	8,		95 89
	9,		70 08



For paid school dist. No. 10,	28 69
11,	54 55
school house tax in No. 4,	30 00

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\$983 26

### TRANSIENT POOR.

1852.

For paid S. Pattee, for wood for Sam'l Nichols,	\$3 00
George Ela, wood for Mrs. Sargent,	3 00
C. Chase, wood for S. Nichols,	5 19
John Taylor, provisions for Sam'l Nichols,	10 94
E. L. Griffin, medical attendance on Samuel Nichols,	15 75
E. L. Griffin, medical attendance on Jas. Kelley's family,	20 00
George H. Taylor, clothing for son of Robert Adams,	13 66
Daniel J. Day, wood for Mrs. Sargent and Samuel Nichols,	10 87

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\$82 41

### COUNTY TAX.

1852.

Sept. For paid county tax,	\$777 57
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### STATE TAX.

1852.

Dec. For paid state tax,	\$490 00
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### ALMS HOUSE EXPENSE.

1852.

For paid C. C. Parker, for supplies,	\$46 91
John Patten, for grain,	9 90
Leonard Wilson, blacksmith work,	11 20
James H. Crombie, medical attendance,	16 50
George H. Taylor, for supplies,	24 43
Samuel Adams, for grain,	6 10
Lucien Harper, for supplies,	39 67
C. C. Parker, " "	8 28
Leonard Bricket, for work,	2 41
Currier & Eastman, for supplies,	30 60
Robert W. Adams, for rye,	15 30
Samuel C. Kimball, balance salary,	96 97
Cash paid S. C. Kimball, to settle bills,	180 00

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\$488 27

There has been received and paid to the town treasurer \$210.25 of cash, received from the county for support of county paupers; and also, \$174.50 received for stock sold; also, labor done on highway, \$20, and teaming timber, \$60; making in the whole, \$465.75, leaving the actual expense of the alms house the present year, \$22.52.

### TOWN OF STRAFFORD.

1852.

For paid J. P. Whittemore, for medical attendance on John T. Foss,	\$8 25
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John H. Waterman, supplies for J. T. Foss,	7 24
George H. Taylor, provisions for J. T. Foss,	9 09

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\$24 58

*Credit.*

By cash received from selectmen of Strafford,	\$24 58
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**TOWN OF BROOKFIELD.**

1852.

For paid John Ordway & Co., supplies for Joseph H. Drew,	\$8 46
George Ela, wood for J. H. Drew,	3 25
John Ordway & Co., provisions,	2 88
F. J. Stevens, medical attendance,	7 54
Catharine King,	3 34
S. F. Taylor,	33

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\$25 80

*Credit.*

By cash received of selectmen of Brookfield,	\$25 80
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**BROOKFIELD.**

1852.

For paid John Ordway & Co., provisions for Mrs. J. H. Drew,	\$5 23
John Taylor, supplies for Mrs. Drew,	4 40

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\$9 63

**TOWN OF SALEM.**

1852.

For paid for support of William Rowell,	\$3 00
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**SNOW PATHS.**

For paid John Folsom, labor breaking roads,	\$4 00
Edward G. Shute,	1 45
William Cogswell,	50

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\$5 95

**TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.**

1853.

For paid Albert H. Hoyt for support of Teachers' Institute,	\$25 20
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**INSANE ASYLUM.**

1852.

Paid Insane Asylum, for support of Sarah Cowdry,	\$98 84
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**OUTSTANDING ORDERS.**

For paid outstanding orders of last year,	\$153 48
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**NOTES PAYABLE.**

1847.

Oct. 4, Due William Moor,	\$300 00	Int. due.	\$88 50
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1848.			
Dec. 14,	George Moor, 2d,	100 00	22 66
1849.			
Feb. 10,	David Bassett,	400 00	86 52
Oct. 8,	George N. Warner,	70 00	12 37
	George Moor,	100 00	17 67
1850.			
Jan. 31,	Eleanor Kimball,	115 00	18 40
Feb. 5,	George N. Warner,	364 27	58 11
1851.			
May 3,	George Moor,	200 00	17 51
1850.			
Apr. 13,	Parker Adams,	800 00	118 75
Aug. 5,	George Moor,	100 00	13 15
	John C. Warner,	100 00	13 15
Oct. 8,	Lilly Cochran,	32 00	3 88
Dec. 26,	William Moor,	156 68	17 28
1852.			
Mar. 30,	Ithamar Hubbard,	100 00	4 37
	Sarah H. Clark,	270 56	11 76
1853.			
Jan. 8,	George Moor,	1236 42	6 44
	Sarah H. Moor,	126 56	68
		<u>\$4,571 49</u>	<u>\$511 30</u>

## JAMES W. NESMITH, TOWN TREASURER.

1852.	Dr.		
Feb. 17,	For A. Tucker's note for Literary fund,	\$400 00	
	D. S. Troy's note,	17 50	
	cash in treasury,	582 94	
	cash received from county,	376 96	
	" " Edmund Kimball,	33 00	
	" " state for railroad tax,	391 99	
	note of Israel Herrick and others,	100 00	
	" Currier & Eastman,	400 00	
	cash received of J. Patten for steers,	55 50	
	" " A. Tucker, interest on Literary fund,	38 60	
	cash received of Currier & Eastman, in- terest on Literary fund,	8 00	
	cash received from State for Literary fund,	84 26	
	" " Brookfield,	25 80	
	" " Strafford,	24 58	
	" " for oxen,	120 00	
	" " for old plank,	2 00	
	cash received of Moses Webster,	\$700 00	
Mar. 12,	" " "	300 00	
Apr. 22,	" " "	137 76	
May 28,	" " "		
1853.			
Jan. 24,	" " "	500 00	
Feb. 14,	" " "	700 21	
17,	" " "	704 85	
18,	cash, cash received from county for support		

of Sarah Cowdry,	98 84
cash received from county for support	
of county paupers,	210 25

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\$6013 04

1853. Cr.

By paid orders,	\$4609 95
cash for Literary fund,	400 00
cash in treasury,	1003 09

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\$6013 04

## MOSES WEBSTER, COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

1852. Dr.

May.	For list of resident taxes,	\$3723 97
	non-resident taxes,	467 38
	school house tax No. 4,	31 28

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\$4222 63

1852. Cr.

Sept.	By paid county tax,	\$777 57
Dec.	state tax,	490 00
Jan. 24,	town treasurer,	500 00
Feb. 15,	"	700 00
17,	"	704 85
	amount of outstanding taxes.	1050 00

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\$4222 63

1853.

Feb. 18, To amount of outstanding taxes on tax list for 1852, \$1050 00

Invoice of personal property of the Alms House, Feb. 18, 1853.—  
 20 tons hay, at \$15 per ton, \$300, 1 horse, \$100, 1 pair of oxen, \$100,  
 8 cows, \$120, 7 two year old cattle, \$95, 2 calves, \$18, 19 sheep, \$38, 1  
 horse wagon, \$15, 1 horse sleigh, \$25, ploughs and cultivators, \$22, ox  
 wagon, cart body, &c., \$50, 4 Shoats, \$33, 4 bushs. barley, \$3, 12 bushs.  
 oats, \$6, 50 bush. corn, \$50, 7 bushs. rye, \$7, 2 bushs. beans, \$4, 150 lbs.  
 dried apples, \$6, apples, \$7, 125 bushs. potatoes, \$50, 1½ bbls. soap, \$6  
 900 lbs. pork, \$100, 100 lbs. butter, \$20, 300 lbs. beef, \$15, 100 lbs. lard,  
 \$12, 20 yds. wool cloth, \$13, 10 yds. cotton & wool cloth, \$3, 50, yarn,  
 \$3, 16 bbls. cider, \$16, 1½ bbls. vinegar, \$6, candles, \$2, 50, 40 cords  
 wood, \$100; whole amount, \$1346,00.

The alms house is well supplied with beds, bedding, clothing, furni-  
 ture, tools, &c., of which no invoice has been taken.

## RECEIPTS.

1852.

Feb.	17, By cash in treasury, this day,	\$552 94
	received for outstanding taxes,	1137 76
Feb.	20, from county	376 96
June	for state literary fund,	84 26
Dec.	8, for railroad tax,	391 99
	received on tax list for 1852,	3172 63
	hired for use of the town,	1733 54
	outstanding orders,	101 95



Sept.	cash received from Strafford,	24 58
	Brookfield,	25 80
	received for old plank,	2 00
1853.		
Jan.	steers,	55 50
Feb.	oxen,	120 00
	support of Sarah Cowdry,	98 84
	connty paupers,	210 25
	received for Edmund Kimball,	33 00
	interest on Literary fund notes,	46 60
	D. S. Troy's note,	17 50
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		\$8216 10

## EXPENDITURES.

For paid for repairs of roads and bridges,	\$521 01
N. R. tax receipts,	100 89
contingent expenses,	145 20
abatement of taxes,	55 00
grave yard expenses,	42 00
town officers' services,	358 55
notes,	2445 73
interest on notes,	364 47
books and stationery,	12 12
support of schools,	983 26
transient poor,	82 41
county tax,	777 57
state tax,	490 00
outstanding orders,	153 48
support of Sarah Cowdry,	98 84
almshouse expenses,	488 27
teachers' institute,	25 20
Strafford for J. T. Foss,	24 58
Brookfield, for J. H. Drew,	25 80
“ “ “ “	9 63
Salem, for Wm. Rowell,	3 00
paid for breaking roads,	5 95
cash in treasury,	1003 09
cash,	05
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	\$8216 10

## TOWN OF DERRY.

1853. Dr.		
Feb. 18,	To notes payable,	\$4571 49
	interest due on notes,	511 30
	outstanding orders,	101 95
	due Moody Morse,	4 00
	cash for literary fund,	400 00
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		\$5588 74
1853.		
Feb. 18,	To balance, being amount of town debt,	\$2658 75

## TOWN OF DERRY.

1852. Cr.	By cash for literary fund,	\$400 00
1853.		
Feb.	By uncollected taxes,	1050 00
	cash due from town of Brookfield,	9 63
	Salem,	3 00
	George Warner,	5 17
	Benjamin Eastman & C <sup>o</sup> .,	459 10
	cash in treasury Feb. 18, 1853,	1003 09
	balance being amount of town debt,	2658 75
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		\$5588 74

Derry, Feb. 23, 1853.

The undersigned, auditors, having examined the foregoing accounts, as presented by the selectmen, find them correctly cast, and satisfactory vouchers corresponding thereto.

GEORGE H. TAYLOR,	} Auditors.
ALFRED BOYD,	
MOSES WEBSTER,	

In compliance with a vote of the town passed at the last annual meeting, your selectmen present the foregoing report of their doings.

At the commencement of the present financial year the debt against the town was \$3749 07. It is now \$2658 75, making a reduction of \$1090 32, during the year.

All the notes that the town owe are on interest at 5 per cent.

SAMUEL F. TAYLOR,	} Selectmen
GEORGE SHUTE,	
JAMES C. TAYLOR,	
	of
	Derry.

# REPORT

OF THE

## SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The Superintending School Committee of the town of Derry, for the year ending March 1st, 1853, submit the following report.

### DISTRICT NO. 1.

*Prudential Committee, ISRAEL HERRICK.*

SUMMER TERM. Teacher, Miss R. W. Mason.

No. of weeks 16. Amount expended \$56 32. No. of scholars 51. Average attendance 31.

This school was of a high order. Miss M. possesses a happy tact of imparting instruction and winning the affections of her pupils. Your Committee regret that unavoidable circumstances prevented a final examination, but from frequent visits during the term were satisfied that good progress was made.

WINTER TERM. Teacher, L. P. Brickett. No. of weeks 12. Amount expended \$102 50. No. scholars. 65. Average attendance 55.

The rank which this school has sustained this term, and the unmistakable progress which was made, are such as to merit a favorable notice. The energy which characterized Mr. Brickett's instruction infused itself, in a good degree, into the minds of his pupils.

The examination was characterised by promptness. The presentation of a beautiful copy of the Scriptures by his scholars increased the interest of the occasion, and indicated the kindly relations subsisting between them.

### DISTRICT NO. 2.

*Prudential Committee, R. W. THOMPSON,*

SUMMER TERM. Teacher, Miss SARAHANNAH CLIFFORD. No. of weeks 15. Amount expended \$55 25. No. of scholars 53. Average attendance 40.

This school was not visited by any of the present members

of the committee at the commencement of the term. The success of the teacher seems to have been generally satisfactory, and at the close of the term the school appeared well.

WINTER TERM. Teacher, ALEXIS PROCTOR. No. of weeks 13. Amount expended \$118 56. No. of scholars 70. Average attendance 58.

This school has been styled our "Model School," and it more than sustains the reputation which it acquired last year; it merits higher praise. The most perfect order and cheerful obedience to the wishes of the teacher were ever apparent. Teacher and pupil labored together with an interest and zeal rarely to be found in a district school. Each seemed determined to make the school superior in its character and in this they did not fail. The examination at the close of the term was unexceptionable. The neatness and taste with which the house was decorated, the earnest attention, the promptness, all indicated the spirit and purpose of the school. The usual exercises were enlivened by the reading of several original articles, and the high regard entertained for the teacher was indicated by the presentation of a valuable gift. It is to be hoped that the citizens of Derry will not allow Mr. Proctor to abandon the vocation of a teacher for many years to come.

### DISTRICT NO. 3.

*Prudential Committee*, THOMAS BRADFORD.

SUMMER TERM. Teacher, Miss H. M. TENNEY. No. of weeks 10. Amount expended, \$33 95. No. of scholars 39. Average attendance 32.

This was Miss Tenney's first effort. The character of this school is such as to require an experienced teacher. The last part of this term was more successful, and some progress was made.

WINTER TERM. Teacher, L. P. BRICKETT; No. of weeks 7. Amount expended—. No. of scholars 45. Average attendance 40.

The general character of this school was greatly improved under the management of Mr. Brickett, and the energy and devotedness which he manifested at the commencement of the term, showed their results in the progress of his pupils at the final examination.

### DISTRICT NO. 4.

*Prudential Committee*, SAMUEL WILSON.

SUMMER TERM. Teacher, Miss. L. A. BATCHELDER. No. of weeks 11  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Amount expended \$34 66. No. of scholars 35. Average attendance 27.

In no other part of the town can the general co-operation of teacher and parent be more distinctly seen than in this district.



With Miss Batchelder's instructions the committee and friends of the school felt a high degree of satisfaction. It was a *good* school, and as a proof of their confidence in Miss B., the district retained her services during a short private term.

WINTER TERM. Teacher, Miss MARY J. MORSE. No. of weeks 12  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Amount expended \$60 95. No. of scholars 39. Average attendance 31.

This school sustained its reputation this term as a "*good* school." Miss. Morse labored hard and not in vain. In several particulars the school made marked progress, and its appearance at the examination evinced the faithfulness of the teacher.

#### DISTRICT NO. 5.

*Prudential Committee*, SYLVANUS BROWN, M. D.

SUMMER TERM. Teacher, Miss. E. E. COCHRAN. No. of weeks 10. Amount expended for both terms \$55 50. No. of scholars 29. Average attendance 21.

FALL TERM. No. of scholars 22. Average attendance 14.

Both terms were taught by Miss Cochran. The instruction during both terms was thorough. The teacher labored for a perfect standard of recitation. The progress was *slow* but *sure*. Miss Cochran possesses thoroughness of scholarship and energy of mind, which admirably fit her for a teacher. Your committee regret that in all cases she did not receive the full cooperation of *all* the district.

#### DISTRICT NO. 6.

*Prudential Committee*, GEORGE MOOR.

SUMMER TERM. Teacher, Miss. C. E. WEBSTER. No. of weeks 6. Amount expended \$16 50. No. of scholars 17. Average attendance 16.

This term though short, was not an unprofitable one. Miss W. governed the school with ease, and succeeded in exciting a commendable ambition for study in her pupils.

WINTER TERM. Teacher, Miss BETSEY A. MORSE. No. of weeks 9 1-2. Amount expended \$35 43. No. of scholars 20. Average attendance 15.

This term of school was not in every respect successful. No teacher can keep a good school without the sympathy and cooperation of *all* the parents.

#### DISTRICT NO. 7.

*Prudential Committee*, NATHANIEL WARNER.

SUMMER TERM. Teacher, Miss. MARY J. CHOATE. No. of weeks 10. Amount expended \$30. No. of scholars 34. Average attendance 28.

WINTER TERM. No. of weeks 18. Amount expended \$97 66. No. of scholars 40. Average attendance 26.

Both terms were taught by Miss. Choate, This school appeared well. Great progress was made by the younger pupils and the correct deportment and good order of the older members attracted the attention and praise of the committee. Such elements of scholarship deserve a more decent and inviting school house.

#### DISTRICT NO. 8.

*Prudential Committee, D. W. DICKEY.*

SUMMER TERM. Teacher, Miss S. E. MULLET. No. of weeks 14. Amount expended \$38 58. No. of scholars 42. Average attendance 34.

Good order characterized this school. The teacher commanded the respect and devoted herself to the interests of her pupils. It was a pleasant and profitable term both to teacher and scholars.

WINTER TERM. Teacher, Miss SUSAN D. HAZELTINE. No. of weeks 13. Amount expended \$55 98. No. of scholars 46. Average attendance 37.

Miss Hazeltine is an experienced teacher, and came to this school with a flattering reputation. In this district she fully sustained herself as a *good* teacher. The scholars gave satisfactory proof of their diligence, and manifested their regard for her by the presentation, at the close of the term, of Webster's Dictionary Unabridged. Your committee were pleased to notice the general interest which the district take in the welfare of their school and in furnishing the school room with a set of outline maps; they have set an example which we earnestly hope other districts may follow.

#### DISTRICT NO. 9.

*Prudential Committee, ROBERT ALEXANDER*

SUMMER TERM. Teacher, Miss SUSAN M. CURRIER. No. of weeks 8. Amount expended—, No. of scholars 32. Average attendance 25.

In this school much attention was paid to the cultivation of the memory. In the regular studies some progress was apparent.

Your committee think it expedient that, in all cases, the regular hours for school should be observed.

WINTER TERM. Teacher, B. E. BLANCHARD. No. of weeks 8. Amount expended \$48 00. No. of scholars 35. Average attendance 31.

Great progress was made this term. Mr. Blanchard spared no labor to make the school what it should be. The outline maps were used, and with great advantage. The *whole* school became much interested in the study of Geography. Some pupils greatly excelled. The final examination was praiseworthy both to teacher and scholars.

## DISTRICT NO. 10.

*Prudential Committee, JONATHAN EMERSON.*

SUMMER TERM. Teacher, Miss HARRIET NEVINS. No. of weeks 11. Amount expended \$13 75. No. of scholars 14.

This District has no school-house. The success of the teacher was as good as could be expected under the circumstances.

## DISTRICT NO. 11.

*Prudential Committee, JOHN H. WATERMAN.*

SUMMER TERM. Teacher, Miss J. A. PICKETT. No. of weeks 8. Amount expended \$22 83. No. of scholars 7. Average attendance 7.

In so short a time and with so few pupils no teacher can develop her ability to instruct. With what material she had Miss Pickett did well.

WINTER TERM. Teacher, J. H. PALMER. No. of weeks, 5 1-2. Amount expended \$31 37. No. of scholars 9. Average attendance 9.

Mr Palmer's method of instruction was thorough, clear and systematic, and during this short term he proved himself competent to instruct a larger and more advanced school.

Your Committee are of the opinion that the money would be more profitably expended if a union of this district with No. 6, could be amicably adjusted.

## GENERAL REMARKS.

The general character of the schools, during the past year, as far as your committee are able to judge, compares favorably with their character in former years. We would even hope that there has been some advance. The scholars very generally, have commended themselves to the high regard of their teachers and of the superintending committee. The older scholars especially, in some of the districts, have manifested an interest in their schools quite unusual. They have labored with the teachers. They have taken a worthy pride in the reputation of their school, and its success in no small degree, has been owing to their cheerful obedience and studied decorum. The teachers also very generally have been laborious, and in a good degree successful. Almost without exception, they have cheerfully acceded to the wishes of the committee, attended meetings of the teachers, and zealously carried out the suggestions there received.

There is, however abundant room for progress. Indeed the committee are convinced, that in the work of improving our common schools, our town is making haste altogether *too slowly*



We live in an age, when to remain stationary, even for a short time, is to fall far in the rear. In the improvement of school-houses, in the efficiency given to our common school system, and in the co-operation of the citizens generally in the work of perfecting the means and elevating the standard of primary education, our town is already immeasurably distanced by all the leading and even by many of the common municipalities in our state. This is unworthy of our town. It is unworthy of its past history and reputation not to secure the *very best* facilities for preparing its youth to become virtuous, intelligent liberal-minded, and *public spirited* citizens. The highest interests of the inhabitants of this town demand, that every improvement in the means of primary education should be introduced as promptly here, as in other towns in the Commonwealth. If this is not done, not only the value of real estate, but also the morals and general thrift of the town must inevitably suffer. The true prosperity of the community is inseparably linked with the prosperity of our common schools.

Allow us, therefore, to make briefly two or three suggestions with reference to the future.

*Let the Citizens of the town sustain and encourage the Superintending School Committee.* Let the inhabitants generally sympathize with the committee in their efforts to elevate the character of the schools, co-operate with them in the execution of their plans, and encourage them to introduce promptly every acknowledged improvement. Much as there is depending upon the committee, it will be impossible for them to make our schools what they should be, unless they are sustained and encouraged in their efforts, unless their suggestions are heeded, and their measures carried out by the town. Meet with the committee on the day of the public examination of the school; listen to the suggestions which they may have to make, and not only *hear* but *do*. It is a serious evil, that the committee seldom or never come in contact with the voters in the districts. This evil can be remedied by a full attendance of the members of the district at the examination of the school. In this connection, allow us to say, that every citizen, and especially every voter, should read the annual report of the Board of Education, a copy of which has been, or will be forwarded, for circulation, to each district. The clerk of the district should see that this report is widely circulated. The *relative* characters of our schools will thus be known; and this will, in no small degree, prepare the way for their improvement.

*Again, very much is depending upon the fidelity of the Prudential Committees.* Upon them devolves the duty of selecting the teachers, in some respects the most important duty connected with the management of our schools. The Pruden-



tial Committee himself should be a man who is qualified to make this selection. Every man in the district is not qualified to act upon this committee. Always secure the *very best teacher possible*. Never look for the cheapest teacher. No policy can be more shortsighted. Often some conference with the Superintending Committee will be of essential service in the selection of a teacher. Some of the Prudential Committees, during the past year, allowed their schools to commence before the teachers had been examined. This is not only in violation of the law, but in other respects is injurious to the efficiency of our school system. If the Superintending Committee appoint a day for the examination of teachers, the Prudential Committees should see that the teachers whom they have engaged, are present.

"In some districts," says the last report of the Board of Education, "the office of Prudential Committee is held in rotation by nearly all the voters—a most absurd practice. Great care should be taken to select men for this office who have a real interest in the cause of common schools, are fully competent to select teachers, and are willing to devote all the time and labor to the interests of the school, necessary for its welfare. They should be men who will visit the schools frequently, look carefully after everything pertaining to them, and endeavor to excite and cherish in the district, a spirit for improvement. A Prudential Committee may often be instrumental in erecting a new school house, constructed on an improved model, to take the place of a miserable den in which the children are imprisoned, to the detriment of their health and morals.

"Sometimes the Prudential Committees are so ignorant or negligent of their duties, that they do not notify Superintending School Committees of the commencement of schools; and even allow teachers to begin their schools before they have been examined. Many teachers are negligent in making their report to the Superintending School Committee as required by law. \* \* \* Let the Prudential Committees, in all cases, withhold the teacher's pay until they are informed by the Superintending School Committee, either orally or by letter, that he has carefully kept and correctly filled the School Register in all respects."

*Again our town is in very great want of good school houses.* Here, for the present, is the greatest obstacle in the way of the improvement of our schools. It is useless to endeavor to conceal the fact, or even to apologise for it. Our school houses are *bad*. There is not a model school house in town, and some of them are far below the ordinary rate even of poor school houses. Many of them are very undesirably located, and nothing has been done to make their poor locations any more attractive

There they stand, solitary, dreary, weather-beaten, rickety, with no out-buildings about them—without even a blind or a tree to shield the defenceless inmates from the “fervid rays of Summer and the bleak winds of Winter.” Not even friendly nature has been called upon to lend his aid to beautify the spot, and to cover up the unseemly architecture. There are, we think, but three school houses in the town with which are connected any out-building. “This appurtenance,” says the last report of the Board of Education, “a civilized people should never neglect.” Every sentiment of delicacy and true refinement requires that the several districts should give immediate attention to this surprising deficiency. Internally, many of the school houses are, if possible, still worse. The school rooms are very much too small, their arrangements are awkward and inconvenient, and in some instances, disfigured and uncleanly. It is bad that the child’s first idea of *science* should be associated with *deformity*—its first ideas of *learning* associated with so much that is *inelegant*. We are not surprised that many of our youth estimate so inadequately the worth of a good education.

For a description of what a school house should be, we beg leave to refer to the last report of the Board of Education, and also to an excellent work by the Hon. Henry Barnard, a copy of which has been forwarded, by an act of the Legislature, to the clerk of every town in the State. Building committees especially should consult this work.

But with reference to such an improvement of our school houses and schools as we have ventured to propose, it will be asked, *what will it be worth to us?* Fellow Citizens, make our public schools better, and we shall make our town worth more. It will raise the value of real estate, it will make our farms better, our houses better, our society better, our churches better; it will help secure to us every thing which we value most; it will give us a better reputation abroad, and multiply indefinitely the true sources of prosperity and happiness at home. Your Committee propose no hazardous experiments. It is too late for us to take the lead, and to venture, without knowing the consequences upon this work of improving Common Schools. The path is already well beaten before us, and the only question with us now is—How far shall we be behind the leading towns in the State, in the character of the facilities which we furnish for a primary education? We cannot but indulge the hope, that our fellow citizens will immediately and with hearty good-will, commence the work of improving our schools, by erecting throughout the town, model school houses.

J. W. WELLMAN, ) Superintending  
E. L. GRIFFIN, ) School Commit-  
E. G. PARSONS, ) tee of Derry.

Derry, February 22, 1853.

REPORT  
OF THE  
SELECTMEN, AUDITORS,  
AND  
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS,  
OF THE  
TOWN OF DERRY,  
FOR THE YEAR 1853-4.

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MANCHESTER:  
J. H. GOODALE, NO. 2 UNION BUILDING.  
1853.





# SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

## EXPENDITURES.

1853.

### ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Feb.	22,	paid A. A. Bachelder's bill.....	\$ 84
Mar.	8,	Benj. Barker's bill.....	2 00
	8,	James Reid, for labor on road in 1852	15 00
	8,	E. Adams, for repairing P. Bridge..	1 00
Sept.	21,	Geo. O. Drake, for labor on road....	9 50
Nov.	2,	R. Jeffers, for land taken for Horn road	175 00

### ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Jan.	24,	paid A. McMurphy, for plank.....	18 29
	24,	S. Wilson, 2d, for labor on road.....	2 75
	24,	G. Shute, " " " bridge...	1 12
	28,	P. J. Horne, " " and plank...	50 66
Feb.	11,	John Gregg, for land.....	6 00
	13,	R. Jeffers, for making part of H. road	39 20
	13,	P. J. Horne, for " " " "	89 30
	13,	A. Proctor, for labor on sinking bridge	1 81
	13,	G. Morse, " " " road.....	5 50
	18,	J. Y. James, for labor on bridge.....	2 87
	18,	J. Taylor, for stringers.....	2 50
	18,	P. C. Ingalls, for labor and plank....	7 48
	18,	Benj. Eastman, for land.....	6 00
	22,	John Perkins, " "	11 00
	22,	S. Clark, 2d, for hauling lumber.....	75
	22,	E. G. Perham, for bridge stone in 1852	3 00

\$451 57

1853.

### SNOW PATHS.

Mar.	2,	paid Wm. C. Humphrey, for breaking roads	
last	winter.....		\$3 30
Mar.	2,	paid J. Sheldon, do.	4 20
	2,	Jas. Reid, do.	3 55
	2,	P. Major, do.	2 30

	2.	S. Adams, 2d, breaking roads last winter	1 20
June	18,	J. Kenney, do.	1 80
Nov.		Wm. C. Ela, do,	6 80
		Samuel Wilson, do,	1 30

1854.		SNOW PATHS.	
Feb.	paid	Lyman Hayes, for breaking roads last winter	3 50
Feb.		Jonas Herrick, do.	2 20
		S. Brown, do.	90
		R. Rogers, do.	1 50
		F. W. Coffin do.	1 00
		Samuel Clark, 2d. do.	1 00
		E. G. Perham, do.	85

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\$35 40

1853.		NON RESIDENT HIGHWAY TAX RECEIPTS.	
Feb.	paid	W. H. Proctor, for working tax in 1852	\$2 55
Apr.		M. Webster, receipts taken up for 1852	11 44
1854.		NON RESIDENT HIGHWAY TAX RECEIPTS.	
Feb.	paid	Asa Proctor, for working taxes	2 83
		G. R. N. Sargent, " "	4 58
		W. Storer, " "	17 27
		P. Adams, " "	1 52
		John Gregg, " "	1 51
		James Reid, " "	2 80
		John Kelsey, " "	2 91
		John Taylor, 2d, " "	3 98
		Moses Webster, for receipts taken up in 1853.	45 46

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\$96 85

		MISCELLANEOUS.	
Paid		John Porter's bill, for last year	\$30 50
		J. Kelley	1 00
		Auditors	3 54
		M. Webster, for guaranteeing outstanding taxes	15 00
		Jenks & Abbott for printing	20 00
		Obadiah Dustin	1 00
		R. Melvin, als.	17 00
		D. Watts, als. petitioners	51 41
		E. Cogswell	5 62
		J. C. Taylor	4 00
		J. Montgomery	8 12

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\$157 19

## PAID ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

M. Webster, on list of 1852.....	\$11 98
Wm. Boyd, poll tax.....	1 45
Ann Duffy, tax.....	2 26
J. Palmer, ".....	1 13
M. Webster, on list of 1853.....	7 08
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	\$26 90

## GRAVE YARD EXPENSES.

Paid Wm. B. Wilson, for digging graves and for tools.....	\$51 49
P. B. Stephens, for digging graves.....	5 00
L. Wilson, for blacksmith work.....	2 17
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	\$58 66

## TOWN OFFICERS' SERVICES.

Paid E. G. Parsons, Supt. School Committee 1852....	\$3 50
I. W. Ring, for notifying town officers.....	5 00
Geo. Shute, for services as Selectman last year....	5 90
S. F. Taylor, " " " " ".....	8 26
J. C. Taylor, " " " " ".....	14 88
J. Montgomery, " " " " 1853-4.....	44 81
A. Proctor, " " " " ".....	50 31
E. Adams, Jr., " " " " ".....	31 27
A. Reynolds, Town Treasurer, ".....	20 00
M. Webster, for collecting taxes.....	68 90
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	\$252 86

1853.

## NOTES PAID.

Mar. 1, paid Wm. Moor's note.....	\$300 00
1, Geo. Moor, two notes.....	200 00
5, Sarah H. Clark's note.....	270 56
Apr. 30, D. Bassett's ".....	400 00
30, I. Hubbard's ".....	100 00
May. 24, G. N. Warner's ".....	70 00

1854.

## NOTE PAID.

Jan. 28, paid J. Montgomery's note.....	200 00
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	\$1540 56

1853.

## INTEREST PAID.

Mar. 1, paid Wm. Moor.....	\$91 38
1, Geo. Moor.....	31 50
5, Sarah H. Clark.....	13 44

Apr. 30,	D. Bassett.....	91 60
30,	I. Hubbard.....	5 84
May 24,	Geo. N. Warner.....	13 56

1854.	INTEREST PAID	
Jan. 28,	paid J. Montgomery.....	4 20
		<u>\$251 52</u>

1853.	BOOKS AND STATIONERY.	
Paid Wm. H. Fisk, for Invoice book and Highway lists		\$4 25
A. Beard, for Collector's book and tax bills.....		\$2 42
		<u>\$6 67</u>

1853.	ALMS-HOUSE EXPENSES.	
Paid C. C. Parker for supplies.....		\$41 36
Wm. J. Hall	"	41 48
G. H. Taylor,	"	10 97
N. Warner & Son,	"	21 87
L. Harper	"	39 65
C. C. Parker	"	11 75
D. Bassett for leather.....		4 07
Dr. Crombie for medical attendance.....		16 00
S. C. Kimball balance salary.....		157 46
S. C. Kimball to settle bills.....		100 00
		<u>\$444 61</u>

Amount received from county for support of county poor at alms-house.....	\$216 56
Amount due from E. G. Shute for labor.....	102 95
" " " S. Smith.....	4 45
Also for labor on sinking bridge.....	8 09
	<u>331 96</u>
To balance actual expense of almshouse.....	112 65

If the value of stock on the farm above that of last year is taken into the above account, it will be seen that the farm has more than paid its expenses.

1853.	TOWN OF BROOKFIELD.	
Paid G. Ela for wood for Mrs. Drew.....		\$4 94
Credit by Cash received from Brookfield.....		4 94



1853. TOWN OF SALEM.  
Paid for supplies furnished E. P. Cole..... \$6 28

1853. TEACHER'S INSTITUTE  
Paid A. Hoyt for support of Institue..... \$26 08

1853. INSANE ASYLUM.  
Paid for support of Sarah Cowdry..... \$134 45

1853. OUTSTANDING ORDERS.  
Paid outstanding orders of last year..... \$100 90

1853. A. REYNOLDS TOWN TREASURER Dr.  
Feb. 18, To cash for Literary Fund..... \$200 00  
" " in Treasury..... 1203 09  
Interest on notes..... 5 47  
Outstanding taxes received..... 1050 00  
Literary Fund from State..... 84 38  
Railroad tax..... 350 7  
Received on tax list 1853..... 2100 00  
" from Brookfield..... 14 57  
" " County ..... 351 01  
" " Selectmen..... 450 00

1854.  
To cash received on S. Brown's Note for  
Literary fund..... 200 00  
Interest due on S. Brown's note..... 9 63  
Note B. Eastman & Son..... 484 00  
6502 89

1854. Cr.  
By orders..... \$5056 14  
" S. Brown's note..... 200 00  
" Interest due on S. Brown's note..... 9 63  
" B. Eastman's & Son's note..... 484 00  
" Cash in Treasury..... 753 12  
6502 89

1853. M. WEBSTER, COLLECTOR OF TAXES. Dr.  
May, For amount on tax lists..... \$4593 59  
853 Cr.  
By County tax..... 770 55  
" State tax..... 450 80

" Treasurer.....	2100 00
" Uncollected taxes .....	1272 34
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	4593 59

1853.

## R E C E I P T S .

Feb. 18, By cash in treasury this day.....	\$1003 09
Outstanding taxes received.....	1050 00
Literary fund from State.....	84 38
R. R. tax.....	350 74
Received on tax list of 1853.....	3321 35
" from county.....	351 01
" " Brookfield.....	14 57
Money hired for town.....	450 00
Interest received on notes.....	5 47
Literary fund appropriated.....	200 00
Outstanding orders.....	322 68
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	7153 29

## D I S B U R S E M E N T S .

Paid for roads and bridges.....	\$451 57
Breaking roads last year.....	35 40
Non-resident highway receipts.....	96 85
Miscellaneous.....	157 19
Abatement of taxes.....	26 90
Grave yard expenses.....	58 66
Town officers.....	252 86
Notes.....	1540 56
Interest.....	251 52
for books and stationery.....	6 52
Support of schools.....	1154 78
School house tax in district No. 2.....	400 00
for transient poor.....	28 75
County tax.....	770 55
State tax.....	450 80
Outstanding orders.....	100 90
N. H. Asylum for support of Sarah Cowdry.....	134 45
Alms-house expenses.....	414 61
Teachers' Institute.....	26 08
for supplies for E. P. Cole.....	6 28
Wood for Mrs. Drew.....	4 94
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	6400 17
To balance cash in treasury.....	753 12
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	\$7153 29

1850.	NOTES PAYABLE.		Int. due
Jan. 31,	due Eleanor Kimball.....	\$115 00	\$25 07.
Feb. 5,	" Geo. N. Warner.....	364 27	79 22
Apr. 13,	" Parker Adams.....	800 00	164 68
May 3,	" Geo. Moor.....	200 00	29 25
Aug. 5,	" John C. Warner.....	100 00	18 82
Oct. 8,	" Lilly Cochran.....	32 00	5 71
Dec. 26,	" Wm. Moor.....	156 68	25 11
1853.			
Nov.	" Betsey Stinson.....	128 26	1 06
Jan. 8,	" Geo. Moor.....	1236 12	62 14
" "	" Sarah H. Moor.....	126 56	6 35
Nov. 24,	" I. Hubbard.....	250 00	2 42
		<u>\$3509 19</u>	<u>\$419 83</u>

1854, Feb. 22.	TOWN OF DERRY,	Dr.
	To notes payable.....	\$3509 19
	" Interest due on notes..	419 83
	" Outstanding orders.....	322 68
	Awarded E. B. Fellows for land taken	
	for road.....	115 00
	due G. W. Pinkerton.....	7 00
	for literary fund.....	200 00
	Interest due on S. Brown's note.....	9 63
		<u>\$4583 33</u>

1854.	TOWN OF DERRY.	Cr.
Feb. 22,	By S. Brown's note for literary fund.....	200 00
	" Interest on S. Brown's note.....	9 63
	" Uncollected taxes.....	1272 24
	" due from Salem.....	9 28
	" " " County.....	11 50
	" " " School district No 6.....	17 00
	" " " Geo. Warner.....	5 17
	" " " E. G. Shute.....	102 95
	" " " S. Smith.....	4 45
	" Benj. Eastman & Son's note.....	484 00
	" Cash in treasury.....	753 12
		<u>2869 34</u>
	Balance being amount of town debt.....	1713 99
		<u>4583 33</u>

DERRY, MARCH 2, 1854.

We, the undersigned, Auditors, having examined the foregoing accounts, as presented by the Selectmen, find them correctly cast, and satisfactory vouchers corresponding thereto.

GEORGE SHUTE, }  
GEO. H. TAYLOR. } *Auditors.*

INVOICE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT ALMS-HOUSE, FEB. 22, 1854.

1 horse.....	\$90 00	1 Winnowing Mill....	\$8 00
1 colt.....	25 00	Pulley &c.....	4 00
1 pair oxen.....	115 00	Cider and vinegar....	45 00
2 pairs steers.....	125 00	Hay .....	303 00
7 cows.....	120 00	Barley, oats and rye..	10 00
2 two years old cattle.	30 00	65 bushels corn.....	83 00
3 calves.....	21 00	Beans.....	6 00
4 swine.....	36 00	Potatoes and other roots	42 00
15 sheep.....	50 00	2 1-2 bbls. soap.....	10 00
1 horse-wagon.....	25 00	950 lbs. pork.....	114 00
1 sleigh.....	20 00	Lard.....	13 00
Plows, cultivators, and		Butter....	14 00
horse-rak s.....	29 00	Beef.....	21 00
Waggon, carts and sled	50 00	Salt fish.....	4 00
Wood on hand.....	50 00	Candles.....	4 00

Whole amount..... \$1467 00  
Excess above last year..... 121 00

Agreeably to a vote passed at the annual meeting in March last, your Selectmen respectfully submit the foregoing statement of their doings, which shows the financial condition of the town at the present time. At the commencement of the present financial year, the Town debt was \$2658,75; it is now \$1713,99, or \$944,76 less than last year.

In compliance with the instruction of the town, we have built the "Horne Road," the expense accruing therefrom is \$500,41. If this expense had not been incurred the town debt would have been reduced \$1445,17.

There are yet some unadjusted claims against the town, which if allowed, will amount to a about \$80,00

JOSEPH MONTGOMERY, }  
ALEXIS PROCTOR, } *Selectmen*  
EDMUND ADAMS, JR. } *of*  
Derry.

Derry, March 2, 1854.



## E R R A T A .

The following items of expenditure should have been inserted before Alms House expenses, page 6:

1853.	SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.	
Paid School District, No. 1.....		\$180 29
“ “ “ 2.....		191 98
“ “ “ 3.....		89 91
“ “ “ 4.....		119 13
“ “ “ 5.....		80 01
“ “ “ 6.....		124 17
“ “ “ 7.....		116 45
“ “ “ 8.....		115 06
“ “ “ 9.....		89 13
“ “ “ 10.....		48 65
School House tax in District No. 2.....		400 00
		\$1554 78

1853.	TRANSIENT POOR.	
Paid Wm. Ela, wood for Mrs. Sargent.....		\$17 25
E. Kennie, for boarding Mrs. Dustin.. ..		4 00
Dr. Crombie, for medical attendance on Mrs. Dustin.....		4 00
G. O. Drake, supplies for Mrs. Dustin.....		3 50
		\$28 75

1853.	COUNTY TAX.	
Paid County tax.....		770 55
State tax.....		450 80

*E. Y. & H. H. M.*

## Report of the Superintending School Committee.

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### DISTRICT, No. 1.

The average age of the scholars in Summer, was hardly eight years, and their attendance very irregular. It would be difficult for any teacher to accomplish much in these circumstances, though, doubtless, a high degree of skill and tact in the management of children, tends much to mitigate the evils alluded to.

The Winter School, under the charge of Mr. Alfred Reynolds, with the valuable assistance of Mrs. Reynolds, made very gratifying progress. The instruction was rudimental and thorough; the school orderly and attentive. The scholars seemed generally to understand well the branches of study, upon which they had been engaged, and recited with promptness and accuracy. Remarkable improvement in the Fourth Reader class. The writing books were written with great regularity and neatness—without a noticed blot upon any of them.

Writing has not usually, in our schools, the systematic attention that belongs to it. It is put next to reading, in the school laws, and ought to have its appropriate place in the regular employments of the school, and when its turn comes, the teacher should give his *undivided* attention to it,—as much so, as when he is engaged with a class in reading, arithmetic, or any other branch.

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### DISTRICT, NO. 2.

The Summer School was under the charge of Miss Ann. D. Allison. At her examination, for a certificate, Miss Allison gave indications of unusual ability and efficiency as a teacher. She is systematic and orderly in her arrangements, intelligent in her teaching—leading the minds of her pupils to a definite understanding of the subjects before their attention. Her scholars, not only recite well—for example, the rules in arithmetic—but are enabled to explain the reason for the rule in a given case, and to exhibit a correct illustration, of it, on the blackboard. The classes in arithmetic appeared exceedingly well. The class in the Fourth Reader, generally acquitted themselves with accuracy and beauty.

The old school-room—peace to its ashes—was kept very neatly, and the scholars were orderly and attentive.

Six of the scholars had no mark for absence, and seven more for tardiness. I here report, as I shall in all the districts, the names of those scholars who were neither absent nor tardy, in a single instance.—Sarah J. Nichols, Frederic D. Gregg, Edward I. Gregg.

The Winter School did not commence till Dec. 19, but is compensated for the delay, with the unusual privilege of a model school-room—pronounced by the Commissioner to be equal and in some respects, superior to any other in the county. This has been obtained by an outlay of six hundred dollars, under the supervision of Mr. Robert W. Thompson, and from plans reported by Messrs. Elbridge G. Perham, Richard Melvin, and Woodbury Storer, and adopted by the District at a meeting called to consider them.—Great credit is due to all who have had this business in charge, and especially to the District who have so liberally provided the means.

Mr. Burnham is about two thirds through his term, but several visits of the Committee, on one occasion accompanied by the Commissioner, afforded ample opportunity to learn that the instruction is intelligent, careful and thorough; and that gratifying progress is making in all the branches of study. If any discrimination is made where all appeared so well, it may be said that the first class in Colburn's Arithmetic, is paying considerable attention to the accuracy of reasoning required by that author in the solution of his questions. Colburn's First Lessons in Arithmetic, is perhaps the best book ever made on that subject; but the advantage that may be derived from its study depends very much upon a strict adherence to its peculiar method, and a careful statement of the successive steps in the reasoning, in every case. This will not only make more distinct the learners conceptions of the relations of numbers, but will be at the same time, forming the habit of intellectual accuracy and precision, which will be the best means of more extended attainments in future, and be extremely valuable in every respect. A little more care on the part of the scholars to keep still, is desirable — also a greater degree of punctuality and regularity of attendance in both Summer and Winter.

### DISTRICT, NO. 3.

This District has had the same teacher in Summer and Winter, Miss Mary J. Choate, who has given satisfaction, it is believed, to her employers. In the summer the order was much better than it had been in most of the schools of this district for several years. The Winter School did not continue to improve in this respect.

Six scholars in Summer and one in Winter received no mark for tardiness. The attendance generally, was very irregular, both in Summer and Winter. In such circumstances, the same degree of



progress could not be expected, as when the scholars are regularly in their places from day to day; still, considerable improvement was apparent, particularly in reading. Singing was practical to some extent. Singing is believed to be of decided value, and worthy of general attention in our schools, and, not only as a means of recreation, but, also, of the improvement of the voice, and of communicating to children the rudiments of the divine art of song.

#### DISTRICT, NO. 4.

This District also has had the same teacher in Summer and Winter, Miss H. M. Webster. The Winter School has several weeks still remaining. Miss Webster is methodical and prompt in conducting her school, and the scholars are orderly and attentive. In the Summer it was particularly noticed that the voices of her scholars, were generally, very full and strong, and their articulation distinct and accurate. A full and distinct voice, is a very desirable possession and one which is too rarely met with in our schools. It is worth much persevering effort on the part of every teacher.

The reading is the branch that would take the palm in this district the present year, though several classes in other branches, were remarked as doing very creditably.

The house is in full repair, neatly kept, and was tastefully adorned for the Summer examination, at which also a good number of the citizens lent their encouraging presence.

In the Summer, seven of the scholars were without a mark for tardiness, and every scholar had the sign of the teacher's special approbation for deportment.

#### DISTRICT, NO. 5.

In Summer, Miss L. C. Gregg made her first effort as a school-mistress. Miss Gregg is gentle, yet prompt and systematic. Her school was quiet, orderly and attentive. School-room neatly kept. Improvement in general, especially in some of the reading classes.—Three have no marks for absence. One little fellow, four years old, Frank W. Brown, was neither absent nor tardy.

The school in Winter was under the instruction of A. Proctor, Esq., whose accustomed energy, enthusiasm, and perseverance, united with his great experience and skill, produced the best results, even in the short space of seven weeks, which is the length of the school.

The attendance was remarkably uniform — 29 the whole number and 26 the average; six of the males and seven of the females were neither absent nor tardy. But 15 marks for tardiness in the whole attendance of 29 scholars, 728 days. This regular and punctual attendance, will sufficiently indicate the extraordinary interest and exertions of the scholars, and gives assurance of their propriety of conduct and progress in study. It is nearly superfluous to add that

the instruction has been rudimental, thorough, reviews frequent, and great progress made in the different branches of study. The school-room was kept neatly. Here is a good chance to lay out spare money on a school-house. The scholars who were neither absent nor tardy, were Charles F. Kimball, Thomas Ripley, Charles A. Page, Wm. H. Wilson, Aaron Wilson, Caroline Clendennin, A. P. Clendennin, Martha A. Clyde, M. A. Clyde, M. A. Wilson, Martha Wilson, Sarah Wilson, and also the little hero of the Summer School, Frank W. Brown.

It is of the first importance that the teachers of our schools, should be enthusiastic in their work. Without some degree of enthusiasm, the teacher can hardly succeed in interesting and profiting much his scholars; with it, if other requisite qualifications be not wanting, he can do what he pleases with his pupils. A dull, lifeless teacher, is fit only to put children to sleep—a wide awake teacher, can stir up young America anywhere.

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#### DISTRICT, NO. 6.

Miss Sarah L. Rogers, the teacher in Summer, succeeded well in her aim to have a good school. She awakened considerable interest in her scholars, and was able to give them all the mark of her full approbation. Two were not absent—one, Sarah E. Mills, neither absent nor tardy during the term. The recitations were prompt and correct, and the reading improved. The scholars in Arithmetic used the blackboard with facility. This is regarded as a very important point. The practice of illustrating and explaining arithmetical principles and operations from the blackboard, conduces to a distinct apprehension, and thorough knowledge of them; for one must understand a subject very clearly, in order to explain it satisfactorily to another.

Mr. C. B. Warner was the teacher of the Winter School. This was Mr. Warner's first school. His classes appeared to understand well the subjects under examination. In reading, especially, very marked improvement was manifest in all the classes. Several of the scholars, during the present and former terms, have made great progress, for their years, in some of the more advanced branches of study.

It is gratifying to learn that this District are about to build them a new house, and, it is hoped, on a scale of intelligent liberality, that will furnish their children a beautiful and convenient model school-house.

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#### DISTRICT, NO. 7.

Summer Term, Miss Emily S. Hunt, teacher. Not being able to visit the school at its close, the Committee is not able to report it.

condition from observation, and has heard no complaint. Mr. Geo. W. Perkins had charge of the Winter School. His examination indicated great care and intelligence in Mr. Perkins' methods of teaching, and interest and fidelity, on the part of the scholars. Particularly was this the case in Grammar, Arithmetic, Astronomy, Physiology, and Spelling. This school though short, proved that a short school, well taught, is much better than a school ever so long under imperfect instruction.

The school-room was neatly swept. The house might give place to a better, and be only remembered, with respect, for the good it has done.

Many of the scholars in Winter were frequently late at school. This habit it is very desirable to correct. The attendance, from day to day, was however more regular than the average of the other districts. Two of the scholars in Summer, and the same two and four others in Winter attended all the time. The two referred to, were Abby Hays, and Fidelia Hays, and they deserve honorable mention, notwithstanding a mark or two against them for tardiness, — doubtless the fault of others.

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#### DISTRICT, NO. 8.

This District, had the same teacher in Summer and Winter, Miss Sarah J. Hazelton, who succeeded in interesting greatly her scholars, and in advancing them considerably along the path of knowledge. Her teaching is thorough. The Third Reader class was noticed as acquitting themselves with a great degree of accuracy, with special attention to pause, modulation and emphasis.

Reading is a very beautiful accomplishment, which few possess in perfection; but the acquisition of which, is certainly worthy of diligent and persevering effort. It is too often the case, that teachers are not sufficiently observant of inaccuracies of their scholars in reading, or assiduous in their endeavour to correct them. When they are otherwise, their pupils will not fail to give honorable proof of their fidelity to them in this regard. In the Summer School, two scholars were not marked for absence. In Summer two, and in Winter seven more not tardy.

The exercises of examination, were varied with declamations and compositions, which were very creditable to the scholars.

The people of the District show their deep interest in the education of their children, by frequent calls at the school-room during the progress of the school, and by their attendance in large numbers at the examinations. More visits of citizens are reported in this District than in any other. They have procured heretofore, a fine set of outline maps and a small globe, and are to have an unabridged Dictionary next. The school-room was kept very neatly, and was tastefully arranged for the examination.



## DISTRICT, NO. 9.

The Summer School had an experienced teacher, Miss Susan D. Haseltine. Miss Haseltine is full of expedients for interesting her pupils, among which the Committee was pleased to notice singing, as valuable for this, as it certainly is for other important purposes.—The arrangements of this school were orderly and quiet, the classes moving with precision to the tick of the bell. Much improvement was perceptible in the reading, particularly in the more difficult qualities of correct modulation of the voice and natural expression. The writing books were neat, and indicative of considerable care in this branch. The school-room was handsomely decorated, with wreaths and mottos, in evergreen and flowers. Five maps on the wall, green-shades in the windows, and the scholars gala attire, gave a harmonious indication of good taste and great interest, which was moreover verified in the exercises of the different classes. The examination was attended by many of the people of the District, whose interest in the education of their children, is further exhibited the present Winter, by their furnishing to the school Webster's Dictionary, unabridged.

The Winter School was taught by Mr. Edward O. Shepard with very creditable success. The classes, generally, appeared with advantage. The reading which on the first visit seemed to have fallen behind since the Summer, regained its character. Particular attention was paid to appropriate inflection and expression. In Arithmetic, principles as well as practice, were taught. One feature in the Arithmetical exercises, peculiar to this school and one other, Mr. Proctor's, is important. It is a general exercise, in which the teacher gives out rapidly, a series of numbers, and requires the various calculations to be made instantly as he proceeds, and the answer to be given at once when the question is finished. This exercise is exceedingly valuable for inducing activity and energy in mental operations.

In this District, in Summer, seven scholars were not absent and thirteen not tardy. Four were neither absent nor tardy, Mary Frances Webster, Lucy E. Alexander, Clarence A. Radcliff and Harvey C. Alexander.

## DISTRICT, NO. 10.

But one school in this District the past year, taught by Miss J. A. Brown, eighteen weeks. The scholars are all under twelve, average age, nine. The teacher reports their deportment, attention to study, &c., in most cases, worthy of her special approbation. And it is remarkable that in 1225 days of attendance by 17 scholars, there should have been only five cases of tardiness. The classes generally appeared well—those in Geography and Physiology very well.—Some attention was paid to writing, and the books showed care and pains.



This general review of the schools of the town is, necessarily, a mere outline of their condition. It will however serve to show, it is believed, that our schools are in a good degree answering their proper end, in instructing and disciplining the minds of our youth. With greater facilities, they could doubtless accomplish more. With the means at hand so very inadequate in many of the Districts, a great amount of good in the aggregate from year to year, is, without doubt, effected. How much more then might be done, if all the people, with liberal heart and open hand and appreciative sense of the necessities of the case, would supply what is wanting, in buildings, furniture and apparatus, and add, also at all times, their powerful moral support to the instruction and superintendence of the schools.

Annexed is a tabular view of the schools of the town, with connected matter, required by law to be reported to the Secretary of State, and the larger part of which is also required to be reported to the town by its Superintending School Committee, all of which is respectfully submitted.

E. G. PARSONS,  
*Superintending School Committee.*

*Derry, March 3d, 1854.*

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### BOOKS USED.

IN READING—Town's Series. IN SPELLING—Town's Speller and Definer. IN ARITHMETIC—Emerson's, Holbrook's, Colburn's First Lessons, Adams's Revised, Greenleaf's Introduction, Greenleaf's National. IN GEOGRAPHY—Mitchel's, Morse's, Smith's, and Fowler's Outline Maps. IN GRAMMAR—Wells', Smith's, Green's Analysis. IN ALL OTHER BRANCHES—Goodrich's Hist. U. S., Worcester History, Day's Algebra, Sherwin's Algebra, Cutter's Physiology, Taylor's Physiology, Davies' Geometry, Parker's Philosophy, Watt's on the Mind, Astronomy.

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District No. 3, received about \$18 and No. 5, about \$8 50 from neighboring towns.

At the commencement of the present fiscal year, the town had \$420 local school funds of which were appropriated to the schools for the current year \$220.

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# REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN, TREASURER

AND

Superintending School Committee,

OF THE

TOWN OF DERRY,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1ST, 1855.

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MANCHESTER  
JOHN H. GOODALE, NO. 2 UNION BUILDING.  
1855.



# SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

## ROADS AND BRIDGES.

1854.

March 6,	Paid G. N. Warner, for labor.....	4 25
15,	John Gregg, " .....	1 50
15,	Hiram Sargent,.....	7 00
Sept. 9,	T. T. Proctor, labor and plank,.....	9 50
	R. J. Hopkins, labor.....	4 50
	Otis Vinal, for spikes,.....	5 25
	Railroad Co., freight,.....	25
	Alexis Proctor, for labor,.....	9 50
	Wm. C. Hughes, for timber,.....	14 00
	Richard Fellows, for land damage,.....	150 00
	J. W. King, for labor,.....	62
	E. Adams 3d, for labor and lumber,.....	4 71
	N. Matthews, for labor,.....	1 50
	Geo. Moor, " .....	4 50

1855.

Feb. 3,	Abner Hill, for labor,.....	1 00
	Wm. B. Merrill, " .....	2 00
	Wm. C. Humphrey, lumber for bridge,..	7 56
22,	Jas. C. Taylor, " " .....	17 68
	R. Jeffers, for labor,.....	6 50
	A. J. Hall, " .....	1 60
	C. Chase, " .....	2 00
	T. M. Hilliard, " .....	12 00

A. Boyd,	"	1 75
G. H. Taylor, for lumber,	.....	4 80
E. Adams 3d, lumber and labor,	.....	4 25

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\$278 22

### SNOW PATHS.

1854.

Paid John Gregg, for breaking roads in 1853,	.....	\$ 1 25
Hugh Jones,	.....	60
J. H. Waterman,	.....	2 00
G. O. Drake,	.....	2 00
W. Storer,	.....	4 50
E. Adams 2d,	.....	2 00
John Kelsey,	.....	4 50
C. Chase,	.....	1 60

1855.

Silas Proctor, in 1854,	.....	4 60
F. Nowell,	.....	6 80
Wm. C. Humphrey,	.....	6 86
Wm. Reynolds,	.....	4 50
A. A. Bachelder,	.....	3 00
R. Jeffers,	.....	16 10
S. Pillsbury,	.....	12 60
N. Mathews,	.....	8 90

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\$81 81

### ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

1855.

Paid J. Parker, abt. of tax in 1852,	.....	64
O. Cheever, " 1854,	.....	4 00
J. H. Miltimore, " " .....	.....	4 11
M. Webster, on list of 1853,	.....	9 66
G. W. Cochran, abt. tax,	.....	2 44
Wm. Moor, " .....	.....	5 80
Samuel Marshall, " .....	.....	48
M. Webster, on list of 1854,	.....	20 94

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\$48 07

### NON RESIDENT HIGHWAY TAXES.

1854-5.

Paid A. J. Hall, for working N. R. H. taxes,	.....	\$ 3 24
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J. H. Waterman, do. on list of 1853.....	3 23
S. F. Taylor, " 1854.....	3 25
J. Taylor, 2d, " ".....	3 33
M. Webster, for receipts taken up,.....	15 14
R. Hatch, for working N. R. H. taxes,.....	5 02
A Proctor, on list of 1853, ".....	3 38
N. Mathews, " 1854. ".....	1 77
John Sargent, ".....	3 43
E. G. Shute, ".....	5 99
Daniel Carr, ".....	1 25
F. Nowell, ".....	3 04
M. Webster, for receipts taken up,.....	34 69
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	\$86 76

### MISCELLANEOUS.

1854-5.

Paid J. Porter's bill of Feb. 1853.....	5 00
J. L. Goodale, for printing Reports.....	20 00
E. Kennie, for damage done to carriage,.....	10 00
Paid E. Cogswell's bill,.....	5 42
E. Adams 3d, expenses getting pauper money,.....	2 75
L. Harper's bill for postage.....	25
A. Beard, for printing tax bills,.....	2 30
R. Melvin, als. Committee,.....	3 00
A Proctor's bill,.....	4 75
E. Adams 3d, bill,.....	1 25
M. Webster, for guaranteeing taxes,.....	15 00
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	\$69 72

### GRAVE YARD.

1854,-5.

Paid Wm. B. Wilson for digging graves,.....	42 50
Leonard Wilson, for tools and repairs,.....	3 85
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	\$46 35

### TOWN OFFICERS.

1854,-5.

Paid E. G. Parsons, Superintending S. Committee in 1853,.....	0 00
Auditors,.....	2 36

W. Storer, for notifying town officers,.....	5 00
J. Montgomery, bal. last year's salary,.....	9 44
A. Proctor, " " .....	11 11
E. Adams, 3d, " " .....	7 08
J. Montgomery, for services as Selectman,....	51 92
A Proctor, " .....	56 98
E. Adams 3d, " .....	41 42
M. Webster, for collecting taxes,.....	68 06
Alfred Reynolds, Treasurer,.....	20 00
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	\$313 37

## NOTES PAID.

1854-5.		
Apr. 12,	Paid I. Hubbard's note,.....	250 00
22,	Parker Adams' " .....	800 00
1855.		
Feb. 3,	J. Ballou's " .....	110 25
22,	E. Adams', 3d, " .....	150 00
22,	J. Montgomery's " .....	200 00
22,	J. Hubbard's, " .....	250 00
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		\$1760 25

## INTEREST PAID.

1854.		
Apr. 12,	Paid I. Hubbard,.....	\$ 5 83
22,	Parker Adams,.....	173 85
1855.		
Feb. 3,	J. Ballou's,.....	32 78
22,	E. Adams 3d.....	2 44
"	J. Montgomery,.....	4 00
"	J. Hubbard,.....	9 50
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		\$228 40

## BOOKS AND STATIONERY.

1855.		
Paid Wm. Butterfield, for copy of laws for Town Clerk,.....		50
Wm. H. Fisk, for Invoice books and highway lists, .....		5 00
" for Record Book, for Town Clerk,		1 50

A. Proctor, for Check lists for 1854-5,.....	1 81
“ for Stationery for two years,.....	2 25
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	\$11 06

## TOWN OF ACWORTH.

1854.

Paid Town of Acworth, for the support of Stanford Warner's family,.....	\$ 65 45
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## TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

1854.

Paid H. Webster, for Teachers' Institute,.....	\$ 28 98
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## TRANSIENT POOR.

1854,-5.

Paid George Moor, for supplies for James Kelly,..	\$ 4 00
B. F. Gregg, for coffins for Melinda Black and child,.....	5 50
L. Brickett, for supplies and services for Melinda Black,.....	10 90
E. L. Griffin for medical attendance upon Melinda Black,.....	14 25
S. Brown, for wood for Melinda Black,.....	1 50
N. Warner, for supplies “ .....	9 41
E. Adams, for wood for G. Alexander.....	2 25
Wm. C. Humphrey, “ .....	5 00
S. Clark 2d, “ .....	11 25
Lyman Hayes, for wood for Mrs. Sargent,.....	15 00
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	\$79 06

## ALMS HOUSE.

1854-5.

Paid R. W. Adams for Rye,.....	2 00
For Steers,.....	55 00
Wm. J. Hall, for supplies,.....	49 98
Warner & Brown, “ .....	8 04
H. Dearborn, “ .....	3 42
J. T. G. Dinsmore, for grain,.....	17 65
J B Gilman for supplies,.....	21 75

C. C. Parker, for supplies,.....	65 74
L. Harper, for supplies,.....	25 16
L. Wilson, for Blacksmith work,.....	2 86
D Bassett, for supplies,.....	46
Merrill & Reed for sawing,.....	39 40
Dr Crombie for medical attendance,.....	16 00
R W Thompson, for Blacksmith work,.....	22 63
S C Kimball, to settle bills,.....	104 00
“ Salary,.....	237 00

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\$671 09

### CONTRA.

Amount received from County Poor at Alms house,.....	311 66
Due W J Hall,.....	57 00
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	\$368 66
To balance actual expense of Alms house,.....	302 43
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	\$671 09

### INSANE ASYLUM.

1855. Paid for support of Sarah Cowdry,..... \$117 00

### OUTSTANDING ORDERS.

Paid Outstanding Orders,.....	\$323 73
Paid State Tax,.....	\$ 450 80
County Tax,.....	749 27

### SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

1854,-5.

Paid School District No. 1,.....	\$180 58
“ “ 2,.....	173 20
“ “ 3,.....	56 02
“ “ 4,.....	112 39
“ “ 5,.....	64 77
“ “ 6,.....	117 01
“ “ 7,.....	105 11
“ “ 8,.....	96 62
“ “ 9,.....	78 89



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"	"	" 11, .....	55 14
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			\$1062 30

A. REYNOLDS, TOWN TREASURER,

DR.

1854.

Feb. 22, To	Cash in Treasury,.....	\$ 753 12
"	Benjamin Eastman and Son's note,	484 00
"	S. Brown's note (Lit. Fund,).....	200 00
"	Interest due on same,.....	9 63
"	Received of M. Webster on tax list	
	1853,.....	1272 24
"	" " " 1854,	1737 52
"	" Lit. fund from State,..	79 53
"	" Railroad Tax,.....	266 18
"	" County.....	440 16
"	" Selectmen,.....	800 00
"	" Town of Salem,.....	9 26
"	Cash of S. Brown, Lit. Fund and	
	Interest,.....	218 28
"	Wm. J. Hall's note,.....	57 00
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		\$6326 94

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1855.

	By paid outstanding orders,.....	\$ 323 73
	“ “ orders,.....	4572 77
	“ Benj. Eastman and Son's note,.....	484 00
	“ Literary Fund recovered from S. Brown,.....	200 00
	“ Interest on Lit. Fund, “ “	18 28
	“ Wm. J. Hall's note,.....	57 00
Feb. 22,	“ Literary fund in Treasury,.....	200 00
	“ Interest, “ “ .....	9 63
	“ Cash in Treasury,.....	461 53
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		\$6326 94

MOSES WEBSTER. COLLECTOR OF TAXES.		DR.
1854.	For Amount of outstanding Taxes,.....	1272 24
"	" Tax lists of 1854,.....	4537 59
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		\$5809 83
		CR.
1854.	By paid outstanding taxes,.....	1272 24
"	" State Tax,.....	450 80
"	" County Tax,.....	749 27
"	" Taxes on lists of 1854,.....	1737 52
1855.	" Uncollected Taxes, .....	1600 00
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		\$5809 83

## RECEIPTS.

1854,-5.		
Feb.	By cash in Treasury,.....	\$ 753 12
"	" Outstanding Taxes received,.....	1272 24
"	" Literary Fund from State,.....	79 53
"	" Received on tax lists of 1854,.....	2937 59
"	" " From County,.....	440 16
"	" " Railroad Tax,.....	266 18
"	" " From Town of Salem,....	9 28
"	" Outstanding Orders.....	375 02
"	" Money hired for use of town,.....	800 00
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		\$6933 12

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Roads and Bridges.....	278 22
Snow paths.....	81 81
Abatement of taxes.....	48 07
Non resident H. W. taxes.....	86 76
Miscellaneous .....	69 72
Grave yard expenses.....	46 35
Town officers.....	313 37
Notes paid.....	1760 25
Interest .....	228 30
Books and stationery.....	11 06
Town of Acworth.....	65 45

Teachers Institute.....	28 98
Transient Poor.....	79 06
Almshouse expenses.....	671 09
N. H. Asylum.....	117 00
Outstanding orders.....	323 73
State tax.....	450 80
County.....	749 27
Support of Schools.....	1062 30
To balance cash in treasury.....	461 53

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\$69,33 12

NOTES PAYABLE.		Principal	Interest Due.
1850 May 3.	George Moor..	\$20 00	40 71
	Oct. 8. Lilly Cochran....	32 00	7 59
	Dec. 26. Wm. Moor.....	156 58	34 19
1853 Nov. 1.	Betsy Sinson....	128 26	7 52
	Jan. 8. George Moor...1,	236 42	127 06
	" Sarah H. Moor..	126 56	12 98
1854 Sept 1.	Joseph Leach....	200 00	5 70
1855 Feb. 22.	George N. Warner	124 75	—
" "	George N. Warner	465 00	—
" "	Eleanor Kimball...	147 10	—
		<hr/> 2816 67	<hr/> 235 75

### TOWN OF DERRY. Dr.

1855 Feb. 22	To notes payable.....	\$2816 67
	Interest due on notes.....	235 75
	Outstanding Orders.....	375 02
	Due Geo. W. Pinkerton .....	7 00
	Literary fund.....	200 00
	Interest on Literary fund.....	18 28
	Due School District No. 8.....	11 23
	Due School District No. 2.....	200 00
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### TOWN OF DERRY. Cr.

1855. Feb. 22.	By Literary fund.....	200 00
	Interest due on same.....	18 28
	Uncollected taxes.....	1600 00
	Due from School Dist. No. 6	17 00

Due from George Warner....	5 17
Cash from E. G. Shute...	103 45
Due from S. Smith.....	4 45
Benj. Eastman and sons note	484 00
Interest due on same.....	29 04
William Hall's note.....	57 00
Cash in treasury.....	461 53

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\$2979 92

Balance being amount of town debt... 884 03

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\$3863 95

DERRY, N. H. 1855.

The undersigned, Auditor, having examined the foregoing accounts as presented by the Selectmen, find them correctly cast and satisfactory vouchers corresponding thereto.

GEORGE H. TAYLOR, *Auditor.*

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INVOICE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT ALMSHOUSE.

FEBRUARY 22, 1855.

3 horses.....	\$140 00
4 oxen.....	215 00
4 Steers.....	90 00
9 Cows.....	180 00
2 Young cattle... ..	18 00
4 Swine.....	30 00
15 Sheep.....	45 00
1 Horse wagon.....	20 00
1 Sleigh.....	20 00
Plows, Cultivator, &c.....	30 00
Ox wagon, carts, &c.....	45 00
Lumber on hand.....	125 00
Winnowing Mills, putty, &c.....	10 00
Hay.....	275 00
Cider and Vinegar.....	32 00
Barley, oats and buck-wheat.....	8 00
Corn.....	35 00
Beans.....	2 00
Grass seed.....	6 00
Potatoes and other roots.....	60 00
3 bbls soap.....	12 00



Pork & Hams.....	105 00
Beef.....	32 00
Lard.....	11 00
Butter.....	25 00
Fish.....	1 00
Dried apples.....	10 00
Wood.....	50 00
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	\$1632

Agreeably to the vote of the town at the last annual meeting, the selectmen respectfully submit the foregoing statement of receipts and disbursements. At the commencement of the present financial year, the town debt was \$1713.99, to which should be added a note, held by J. Ballou against the town amounting to \$143.03, which has been left out of the town accounts since the year 1851, and paid this year. The town debt now is \$884.03 showing an actual reduction the past year of \$1024.06.

It will be seen by the foregoing report that the Almshouse expenses have been greater for the last year than for the year preceding, which has been occasioned by the advanced price of provisions, and by the failure of the grain crop, caused by the severe drought of last summer.

We would suggest that it is necessary to make some repairs upon the barn at the town farm the present year, for which purpose, as will be seen by the invoice of personal property, there has been a quantity of lumber prepared and is now on hand.

JOSEPH MONTGOMERY,	}	<i>Selectmen of Derry.</i>
ALEXIS PROCTOR,		
EDMUND ADAMS, 3d.		

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The Superintending School Committee at the commencement of their term of office divided its duties so as to assign a third part of the Schools to the supervision of each member of the Committee, who has communicated the statements made in this Report of the Schools visited by himself.

To Mr. Hoyt, the Schools in Districts, Nos. 6, 7 and 8; to Mr. Ray, the Schools in Districts, Nos. 2, 3 and 4 and subsequently 11; and to Mr. Parsons, the Schools in Districts, Nos. 1, 5, 9 and 10. The only change made from this arrangement was that Mr. Ray visited the Winter School of No. 5 and Mr. Parsons that of No. 4.

We are happy to report that no serious trouble has occurred in any of the Schools, requiring our official intervention. Considerable inconvenience and some interruption have been caused in several of the Schools, by sickness and death. This and other circumstances have occasioned much irregularity in the attendance and a large proportion of precious time and privilege have been lost.

In the statement we have to make, in accordance with the requisitions of the Statute, of the condition of "each School, and the progress made therein, in the various branches of learning," a wide difference will appear, owing, for the most part, to the varying degrees of qualifications for *instructing* and *governing* their Schools which the teachers have been found to possess. It will, however, be interesting to observe, that while we have been obliged to report serious failures on the part of some who have had the charge of schools before, some of our new teachers have proved themselves eminently successful, even in their first attempts.

### DISTRICT NO. 1.

The Summer School commenced under the pleasant auspices of a newly painted, neat and cheerful School-Room, and a well qualified and amiable teacher, but suffered from several weeks discontinuance and a change of teachers, necessitated by sickness in the family of

Miss Marshall. Many of the classes were beginners in the branches they studied, and suffered the more from the interruption. Still, some progress was apparent, particularly in Grammar, Geography and in the Third Book in reading.

The Winter School was taught by Mr. Benj. Warner, with remarkable success in every respect. Mr. Warner was enabled to secure the rare blessing of *stillness* and decorum in the school-room.—Being, himself, *in earnest*, as well as intelligent and skillful in imparting instruction, he awakened uncommon interest in his pupils, who showed by their prompt, animated and unusually correct recitations and reading, both the thoroughness of the instruction given them and their own interested and determined application. In this school not only great progress was made, but the difficulties of the ground gone over seemed well understood. This was particularly the case in the classes in Arithmetic. The average attendance in Summer about 3-5ths and in Winter 4-5ths of the whole number.

In Summer, seven were reported not tardy. In Winter, two—John H. Baker and Charles A. Nowell were neither absent nor tardy. In “deportment” in Summer, all “ordinary,” in Winter, nearly all have the mark of special approbation.

This school has been furnished, during the year, with a beautiful set of outline maps, (Bliss,) and the visits of the people, to the number of 13 in Summer and 86 in Winter, further evince a very proper and encouraging interest in the education of their children which must prove useful to these schools.

## DISTRICT NO. 2.

The summer term was taught by Miss Mary Jane Choate, in which she fully sustained her former reputation. The examination at the close of the term was well attended by visitors, yet but a small number of the parents of the scholars were there. The exercises were enlivened with some very pleasant singing. Most of the classes appeared well, some remarkably so. The recitations in Geography and Oral Arithmetic were prompt and accurate, and they were not confined to a prepared exercise. The number not tardy, ten.

The winter school was taught by Mr. Samuel J. Hall. This was Mr. Hall's first term of teaching. The Committee found the school at their first visit quiet, orderly and attentive. A very good degree of improvement was made in writing. This branch was taught quite systematically.

The closing exercises gave good evidence of faithful labor on the part of the teacher, and of creditable study on the part of a very considerable portion of the scholars. The number of different branches pursued in the school was quite large, embracing Algebra and Geometry. The class in Analysis of sentences was very creditable, both to the thoroughness of the instruction and the studiousness of the class. A class of beginners in Colburn's first lessons appeared very well, and all the other exercises were good.

The condition of the school house, although so recently repaired, is such as to require attention before another winter. There is very serious difficulty with the present arrangements for warming the house.

### DISTRICT NO. 3.

The Summer Term was taught by Miss Abby Hall. The school was orderly, and all arrangements systematic, and the examination at the close gave evidence of good improvement. In reading, a very decided change was noticable. Instead of a low indistinct manner, the enunciation was clear, and a good degree of attention was given to the expression of the thoughts contained in what was read. The promptness in recitations and the general quiet of the school showed the good fruits of a vigorous discipline.

The Winter School was taught by Miss Jane O. Mahaffey. It was her first attempt at teaching and considering all things was quite successful. The attendance of quite a number of large boys made the government somewhat difficult, and few female teachers can easily control such scholars. The examination at the close, satisfied the Committee that the same systematic teaching, so manifest in summer, had been continued in winter. While in all branches good improvement was manifest, this was particularly evident in Arithmetic and Geography.

### DISTRICT NO. 4.

The Summer School was taught by Miss Eliza Clark, who seemed to enter on her duties with a determination to succeed, and her success showed that she was not disappointed. Most of her scholars were quite young, but they seemed interested and of course improved. The reading at the close of the term was quite good, and in Geography the classes appeared very well. In writing a special interest was awakened by the offer of a small prize to be given to the one who made the most improvement, the decision to be made by the Committee. Number not tardy, six.

The Winter School was under the charge of Alexis Proctor, Esq., who entered upon his duties with his customary zeal and devotion to the work. This school had the misfortune to be greatly disturbed, and, at length, broken up, for a time, by whooping cough. Under an ordinary teacher, it would have suffered very much, but the unwearied enthusiasm of Mr. Proctor so engaged the interest of the scholars in their studies that their loss was hardly perceptible. On examination, the different classes gave pleasing evidence of their diligence in study, and of the care and intelligence with which they had been instructed. The classes in Arithmetic were very thorough.—Those in Geography, with Bliss' outline maps, were prompt and correct through the course. Special attention was given to writing and with advantage. Considerable improvement in Grammar and in reading. School *still*—which is a thing not always said of this, or any other of our schools. Pleasant decorations of evergreens and



*seeming* flowers. The large attendance of the people of the District and a lively examination made us forget for the time that this was the coldest day of the season and for many years. Not tardy—one. Deportment—nearly all have the mark of special approbation.

#### DISTRICT NO. 5.

The teacher of the Summer School, Miss Pillsbury, seemed to be right in her *intention* and systematic in conducting her classes. The school room was in a neat condition when visited and is presumed to have been so at other times. At the close of the term it was tastefully decorated with festoons of oak leaves and flowers—the windows pleasantly shaded with green and the floor *scoured*. The school was still and orderly.

Such indications are usually accompanied with evidences of interest and progress in study, but the Committee was obliged, in this case, to say that the examination did not show either the interest or the progress which should have appeared. The special fault of the teacher was *a lack of life and energy*; and the same was also the essential fault of her school. It should however in candor be stated that the day of the examination was one of extraordinary heat—the mercury in the thermometer stood at 90. Thirteen are reported not tardy. Deportment—no report.

The Winter Term was taught by Miss Park. The school was somewhat broken by sickness, which interrupted the regularity of the scholars, yet notwithstanding this misfortune, the term was not by any means lost. The scholars were well taught, and made commendable progress. Their compositions were very creditable, and one thing remarked in regard to them was, that they bore such decided marks of genuineness. The school house in this District is very far from what it ought to be. No register of this school returned.

#### DISTRICT NO. 6.

The Summer School, taught by Miss Ann E. Kimball, was a good one—well governed—instruction faithfully given in all the different branches taught. Several of the scholars were good in Grammar, Arithmetic and Geography. Algebra, History and Physiology were studied with proficiency by Miss Sarah Mills who was not absent or tardy during the term, and, who alone has the full approbation of her teacher for deportment.

The Winter School was favored with the instruction of Mr. Alfred Reynolds. The school appeared well, especially the first class in reading and the class in Colburn's Arithmetic. As a whole, the School was well governed and correctly taught. Eliza Reynolds was not absent or tardy during the term. Deportment—a small portion of the scholars have the mark of full approbation.

The school house is not fit for use and it is to be hoped that a new one will soon be erected.

## DISTRICT NO. 7.

The Summer School was not satisfactory in general. The teacher, Miss ROWE, appeared well disposed, but she failed to keep a well governed and well instructed school.

The deportment of all the scholars marked ordinary.

The Winter School was favored with Mr. GEORGE I. CHOATE as teacher. The school was visited by the Committee at the commencement of the term, all was right then. In consequence of a snow storm the Committee was not present at the closing examination, but it is understood from the Prudential Committee and others who were present, that the examination was satisfactory and that the people of the District were gratified with the success of the teacher and the improvement of the School. Deportment reported of most of the scholars satisfactory. There are several good scholars in this District, and the school compares well with other schools in town.

Rodney Campbell was not absent or tardy during the term. The school house should be *repaired* by a *new one* without delay.

## DISTRICT NO. 8.

The Summer School was not satisfactorily managed by Miss WEBSTER. There was a failure in the government of the school, a want of punctuality on the part of the teacher and a lack of energy in teaching. No report of deportment. A great number of instances of tardiness. The average of attendance about two thirds of the whole number of scholars.

The Winter School was taught by Mr. A. J. MARSHAL. The school was correctly governed and well instructed from commencement to conclusion. The order and regulation of the school were delightful. The instruction given of the first quality. The teacher was very careful to impress upon the attention of his pupils the little great things so necessary to be understood. Though the school was short, the improvement made was great. The school was a model one. Quite a number of the Scholars excelled in reading, spelling and defining words. Deportment ordinary throughout the School. The school house greatly needs improving, if not entire renovation.

## DISTRICT NO. 9

The teacher of the Summer School, Miss TAYLOR, was unusually well qualified, on examination, for the instruction of such a school. At the commencement of the term the scholars were orderly and attentive and the prospect appeared good for an interesting and profitable school. The second visit of inspection was not made by the Committee and the result cannot therefore be given from personal observation and examination; but, though the course of the School was not wholly smooth, the people of the District who were present at the close of the term speak with gratification of the correct behaviour of the scholars and their prompt and satisfactory recitations. No report by the teacher of deportment. Eight were not tardy, four not absent. C. C. Radcliffe and Lucy E. Shute, neither absent nor tardy during the term.

The Winter School, under the charge of Mr. JAMES F. McQUESTION, was very satisfactory. The teacher succeeded in awakening in the minds of his pupils, considerable interest in their studies and they responded with promptness and assiduity to his efforts for their improvement. The commendable distribution of rewards of merit, to a

limited extent, had something to do with this result, but Mr. McQuestions systematic management of his school, his kindly intercourse with his pupils and his faithful endeavors to have them understand the subjects they studied, mainly contributed to it.

The classes in Arithmetic were very thorough in performing and explaining its operations, so far as they had proceeded—and they had made good progress. The class in Colburn was particularly prompt and accurate. The class in analysis, the writing and the several classes in reading are worthy of special commendation. All the scholars are reported with special approbation for deportment. Ten of them were not tardy and eleven not absent. Six of these—Harrison Alexander, Joseph Hemphill, C. C. Radcliffe, Benjamin H. Shute, George A. Webster and Julia S. Webster were neither absent nor tardy during the term. The general attendance was unusually regular and punctual—the average attendance nearly 27, of the whole number 22, and the instances of tardiness 54 in an attendance of 1227 days.

Aside from its other commendable qualities the Winter School of number nine is the Banner School of the town this year for regular and punctual attendance.

#### DISTRICT NO. 10.

In this District there was but one school,—in the Autumn, taught by Miss LUCY J. HOLMES. Miss Holmes had an interesting little school of nine members. She succeeded, in this her first effort, in awakening the attention of her scholars to their books and in contributing considerably to their improvement in Reading, Geography, Physiology, History and Arithmetic. While nearly all the classes appeared to advantage, the recitations in History and Physiology and the reading in Third Book were worthy of special commendation. Sarah E. Hatch, and Charles R. Adams are reported neither absent nor tardy during the term. Most of the scholars have the mark for ordinary deportment—one, that for special approbation.

#### DISTRICT NO. 11.

There was only one term in this new District, which was taught by Miss JULIA M. CURRIER. The School was small, and the District is not yet furnished with a school-house. The teacher brought to her work the experience derived from several years' teaching, and managed the school with much skill and tact. Singing was practiced somewhat regularly as a recreation, and with good results. The closing examination gave evidence of thorough, systematic teaching. The scholars had been taught to think, rather than commit to memory.



## GENERAL REMARKS.

In concluding our report we beg leave to present a very few suggestions, and by way of introduction, it may not be improper to remark that the office of a Superintending School Committee is no sinecure. We have now eleven Districts, each of which must receive at least four visits, and these districts, cover a considerable amount of territory. Then, in most cases, two persons are to be examined for each school. These regular duties, aside from a variety of incidental matters, constitute an amount of labor and anxiety, best learned by an experimental acquaintance with it. And the importance connected with these duties requires that they should be well done; that no necessary time or labor should be withheld. When we remember what our common schools are calculated to do, and what they are doing, we should guard them with watchful care, and if possible, guide in such a course as to secure the best good of all their members.

Neither is it an unimportant office to be a teacher in one of these schools. Judging of the importance of the teacher's office by its emoluments, we might indulge in the too common feeling that the teaching of the District school is a very ordinary matter, but when we reflect what the teacher is doing, or what impressions are being made, and when they are made, the importance of the business swells into dimensions of startling magnitude. We do well to heed the old but fearfully forcible maxim, that "just as the twig is bent the tree's inclined." And we need not be told that the teacher more than any other person, in the same time is bending these mental twigs, giving direction to these immortal beings, shaping their character, no less than educating their minds.

How important then that the teacher be judiciously selected. That if possible one of tried excellency should be obtained. The price paid a teacher is of very small account. We have seen the present year full proof of the economy of having a short school, in order to have a good one. A good teacher, experienced, intelligent and earnest will do more for a school, which is desirable to be done, in six weeks, than a second rate one will do in two or three times the same length of time. Our schools however, ought not to be shorter, but if we cannot have them taught by first rate teachers in any other way, even this would be desirable.

Several of our school-houses have done all the credit and service too that might be expected of them. While our other public buildings are an occasion of honest pride to our citizens, some of our school-houses present a poor commentary on either our taste or good judgment. And then many of them are destitute of the essential furniture of a room for teaching. The best teacher cannot work well without tools. Black Boards should be liberally furnished. Outline maps are almost



indispensable ; and a good Dictionary should be on every teacher's desk; Webster's Unabridged Edition has been put into several of the schools by voluntary contribution, and we think no money will return better dividends to parents and citizens than the small sums so expended. If our schools were all supplied with some good mark of this kind, we might expect a very great improvement in the pronunciation generally, but especially in our Geographical names. Teachers need a hint in this respect, and where the dictionary has been furnished, there is no excuse for the barbarisms, which we hear in most of the recitations in Geography.

The subject of *irregularity of attendance* upon our schools, (and also the connected one of *tardiness*, to which we shall not refer farther in these remarks.) often presses itself upon the attention of Superintending School Committees. In some of the schools, during the present year, this evil has become truly formidable, though doubtless not more so than heretofore. This irregularity ranges from an average absence of one third of the scholars as in the Summer term of District No. 6, to one fourteenth as in the winter term of No. 9. And in all the schools, in summer and winter, the general average of absence is one fifth part of the whole number of scholars who have attended school at least two weeks. This whole number was in summer 327 and in winter 335—total 662; while the average of attendance was in summer, 257, and in winter 271—total 528; showing an average absence all the time of 134 scholars or about one fifth of the whole number.

The money of the town is appropriated for the benefit of all scholars within its limits, and provision is made for them all, during the whole time in which the schools are taught. But a fifth part of the means of education provided is lost to the children and youth of the town by their irregular attendance, and in the same proportion, the money of the town fails to reach the object for which it is appropriated.

The amount of money provided by law for the support of Common Schools in Derry the last year, was 1004,25 dollars, a fifth part which fails to reach its object—is, in fact lost and much worse than lost—because of the absence from school of the young persons it should help to educate. In this merely economical view of the case is afforded a sufficiently startling view of the subject. But farther : The scholar who absents himself from school even for a short time—and still more for a longer time—receives an injury in the interruption, thus occasioned, to the regular course of his studies. His class has gone, while he is left so far behind. He meant to do two days work in one, and most likely, will not half do it, if he attempt it. The subsequent lessons are not so well understood, the scholar loses interest in what he no longer understands, becomes discouraged and careless. He loses not only the knowledge which was within his grasp, but, a more serious loss than this, he loses the fine discipline of mind, which consecutive and interested study of any branch of learning is adapted to afford, becomes listless, sluggish and slovenly in his mental habits. Many a mind may have received from this cause its first downward tendency to a lower grade than mediocrity, which might have shone in strength and wisdom if a regular attendance at school had confirmed his growing love for study. Nothing is so delicate as the mechanism of the soul, and all guardians of the young should take care, lest they in any way mar it, or give it a tendency toward a wrong course.

Consider a moment the place held by the District School in the public interests. For, however much is due, as we all know, to the

mighty influence of a pure Christian Faith, our Common Schools, nevertheless, lie at the root of our character and safety as a Republican People. The District school house is our temple of liberty. It has been from the beginning—it must be to the end. And if, in an evil day, this institution should be struck down, or essentially perverted from its ancient and legitimate object—in that day will be struck the death blow of American Liberty. Our nation can stand upon no other foundation than the intelligence, good sense and sound principles which it is the aim of our Common School system to develop, cultivate and strengthen from the early years of childhood. And, it is not too much to say, that the power of Religion upon the minds of men, for their good, and therefore upon the welfare of the State, depends very much upon the education of the people, in early life, in studies adapted to give strength to mind, to increase and balance its powers.

These views of the subject—at which we can only hint—the time and privilege wasted,—the money lost—the disastrous influence upon the scholars in connection with the vital position which our District Schools occupy in the body politic, are deemed worthy of the serious consideration of the scholars of Derry, and of their fathers and mothers and guardians.

Is it right and wise that so large a part of our public educational facilities should be lost?

May not our children and youth be led to place a higher value upon their school privileges and to have a stronger desire to enjoy them to the full extent of the provision made for them?

Can not interested and faithful teachers do much to cure this evil, and teachers of a different stamp, can we not get rid of them?

Above all, is there no way, in which the fathers, and *mothers* and guardians in Derry may become more deeply impressed with the importance and necessity to the best good of the children, that they be regular and constant in their attendance upon school, as well as faithful in other respects, to its duties and privileges?

E. G. PARSONS,	} <i>Superintending School</i>	
J. W. RAY,		} <i>Committee of</i>
BENJ. R. HOYT,		

Derry, March 3, 1855.

### BOOKS USED.

IN READING—The Bible, Towns' Series. IN SPELLING—Towns' Speller and Definer. IN ARITHMETIC—Emerson, Holbrook, Colburn, Adams, Greenleaf. IN GEOGRAPHY—Mitchell, Morse, Smith; Fowle, Bliss, Outline maps. IN GRAMMAR—Towers, Elements, Wells, Smith, Green's Analysis. IN ALL OTHER BRANCHES—Goodrich's History of the United States, Worcester's History, Day's Algebra, Cutler's Physiology, Parker's Philosophy.

Districts, No.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
Whole number of different scholars 4 years of age and upwards, attending School not less than 2 weeks,	15	12	33	4	6	20	68	41	47	35	9	472
Length of Summer Schools in weeks,	15	15	11	13	9	13	10	15	8	9	10	128
Length of Winter Schools, in weeks,	13 1-2	13	8	10	10	11	12 1-3	10	5 1-2	8 1-3		91 2-3
Wages of male Teachers a month, exclusive of board,	20 00	18 00		29 00	20 00	20 00	18 00	20 00	20 00	20 00		145 00
Wages of female teachers a month, exclusive of board,	11 00	11 00	9 00	6 50	7 00	7 00	8 00	8 00	8 00	5 00	8 00	88 50
Number of Scholars 4 years of age and upwards, attending Summer Schools not less than 2 weeks,	49	46	33	30	23	18	22	45	26	11	24	327
Number of Scholars 4 yrs. of age and upwards, attending Winter Schools not less than 2 weeks,	51	55	34	36	24	18	37	20	20			335
Average attendance of Scholars in Summer Schools	34	35	25	30	19	12	16	34	23	9	21	257
Average attendance of Scholars in Winter Schools,	42	40	27	50	20	14	20	21	27			271
Number of children between 4 and 14 yrs. of age not attending School anywhere,	0	0	0	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	5
Amount of money raised by taxes for the Schools,	0 159 35	0 165 20	0 41 17	0 101 16	0 57 54	0 105 78	0 97 11	0 95 62	0 67 71	0 22 57	0 44 91	67 968 72
Amount contributed in board, fuel, etc., to prolong the Schools,			5						16			
Amount of income from the local funds,	1 09	1 09	1 09	1 09	1 09	1 09	1 09	1 09	1 09	1 09	1 10	12 00
Amount of income from the Literary Fund,	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	279 53
Amount of Railroad Tax for support of Schools,	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	44 00
Am't appropriated for each Scholar,	42	46	23	1 67	2 41	4 07	2 67	2 22	2 20	3 16	3 34	46 27
Number of visits by the Superintending School Committees,	5	1	4	4	4	4	5	5	4	2	2	32
Number of visits by Prudential School Committees,	1	4		4	1	1	6	3	1	3	0	32
Number of visits by citizens,	99	122		46	11	20	44	60	61	36	9	532
Amount paid for tuition in Academies and Private Schools,	100 00	295 00	30 00	15 00	6 00	9 00	66 00	18 00		58 00		597 00





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SELECTMEN, AUDITORS

AND

Superintending School Committee,

OF THE

DEPT. OF

THE CITY OF NEW YORK, MAY 1, 1891

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1891



## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

### ROADS AND BRIDGES.

1855			
Feb.	23,	To paid Peter J. Horn 1161 feet plank,.....	13 93
Mar.	10,	James Taylor 2nd,.....	50
	13,	John N. Brown repair of road and bridge,.....	15 00
	13,	Sylvanus Brown damage to wall,.....	3 00
		Benj. Eastman repairing road at Depot,.....	25 00
Aug.	14,	Quincy & Eastman cask powder Road Dist No.....	3 25
		Samuel Clark 2d labor on Fordway bridge,.....	4 00
		Sam'l Clark 2d labor on bridge,	1 50
		Peter J. Horn ditto.....	26 07
		Robert Clendenin repairing bridge,.....	3 43
		do do do do..	8 00
		Rob't. Jeffers on Fordway bridge	9 50
		James C. Taylor Plank for Bridges,.....	7 76
		John Hemphill,.....	1 20
		G. H. Taylor.....	9 08
		E. Adams 3d,.....	1 60
			—132 42

### SNOW PATHS.

1855			
Feb.	23,	To paid C. Clyde for breaking roads,.....	4 75
		Rob't W. Adams,.....	6 29
	26,	Samuel Marshall,.....	3 20

Mar. 2,	Edw. G. Shute,.....	4 50
	George Shute,.....	4 06
	Abram D. Janness,.....	11 75
	Daniel Karr,... ..	7 37
5,	Jacob Sheldon,.....	5 68
10,	James Taylor 2d,.....	8 60
	William Boyd,.....	60
	Silas P. Boynton,.....	8 40
	Wm. W. Waterman,.....	10 10
	David Stinson,.....	35 85
	James Kelley.....	14 90
	Moses Jewett,.....	2 70
	A. T. Morrison,.....	6 90
13,	Edward Ballou,.....	9 10
	John Brown,.....	28 24
	Calvin Stevens,.....	2 32
	Robert Clendenin.....	4 20
May. 2,	Alpheus Kenney,.....	12 75
	Nathaniel Brown,.....	14 30
	John Hemphill,.....	2 00
	Joshua Morse,.....	6 65
	John Moore,.....	1 80
	David Clement,.....	3 75
	George N. Warner,.....	8 67
	John Sargent,.....	2 78
	Hiram Sargent,.....	8 90
	F. W. Coffin,.....	3 80
	George Moore 2d,.....	1 32
	Lewis Bly,.....	2 00
Feb. 2,	John Patten,.....	10 64
	George Moore,.....	3 90
	Samuel F. Taylor,.....	2 10
	James Taylor 2d,.....	4 35
	Joseph Montgomery,.....	8 00
	James Webster,.....	2 10
	H. W. Thompson,.....	5 50
		286 12

### ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

1855

Mar. 10,	To paid Geo. Ballou abt. of	
	tax,.....	1 22
	John Boynton,.....	2 44



13,	George A. Stinson,.....	2 22
14,	Eben T. Clark,.....	1 24
Apr. 6,	D. W. Danforth,.....	97
Moses Webster on list of 1854,.....	33 31	
	George N. Warner,.....	1 00
	Samuel F. Proctor,.....	1 10
	George Moore 2d,.....	2 75
	Lois Ring,.....	1 07
	James Spollett,.....	1 17
	James C. Taylor,.....	43
	James Choate,.....	52
	Wm. B. Shute,.....	40
	Joshua Morse,.....	1 77
	Moses Webster on list of 1855,.....	28 70

30 81

## NON RESIDENT HIGHWAY TAX.

1855

Mar. 13.	To paid James Taylor 3d. for working N. R. H. Tax...	2 62
	Calvin Stevens,.....	1 46
	Robert Clendenin,.....	3 50
July. 28.	William McGregor,.....	4 24
	Moses Webster for receipts taken up,.....	12 97
	Hiram Sargent,.....	2 53
	William D. Clark.....	5 42
	Isaac Chase,.....	95
	Robert Clendenin,.....	6 28
	Paul Taylor,.....	5 79
	John Nichols,.....	1 04
	John Hemphill,.....	2 51
	Geo. Shute,.....	2 64
	M. Webster receipts taken up	33 83

92 22

## MISCELLANEOUS.

Feb 23,	To paid Sylvanus Brown as arbitrator,.....	2 00
Mar. 2,	Geo. H. Taylor for auditing town accounts,.....	1 18
10	E. Griffin for vaccination,....	12 00
11,	J. H. Goodale printing town	

	account for 1854,.....	29 75
May. 5,	N. H. Insane Ayslum board of Sarah Cowdry,.....	31 67
	S. P. Brickett for enrolling Militia,.....	2 23
	Wm. Reynold damages of horse,.....	40 00
	Capt. Theodore F. Rowe in case of J. G. Bond,.....	10 00
	Joseph Montgomery serving notice on town of Strafford	3 56
	Cheney & Co's. Express bill,	1 25
	William Anderson perambula ting town line,.....	3 00
	M. Webster guaranting taxes	15 00
	Insane Ayslum support of Sarah Cowdry,.....	64 51
Dec. 11.	Abbott & Jenks for printing for Supt. School Committee. 1854,.....	2 00
1856		
Feb. 2,	Selectmen of Chester 1-2 sur- veyors fee on town line,...	3 92
	Alexis Proctor surveying on Auburn line,.....	2 00
	Ebenezer Cogswell services at Parish Hall,.....	5 34
	S. H. Quincey take deposition	50
	S. C. Bailey wood Parish Hall	3 36
	S. C. Kimball exp. to Ports- mouth, ...	5 00
	J. Herrick to Portsmouth coun- ty pauper,.....	4 30
		— 272 50

## TOWN OFFICERS.

1855		
Mar. 10,	To paid J. W. Ray services Supt. School Committee,.....	14 71
	Benjamin R. Hoyt,.....	14 51
	E. G. Parsons,.....	19 32
	Joseph Montgomery services as Selectman,.....	10 62

1856	Alexis Proctor,.....	12 62
	Edmund Adams 3d,.....	8 26
	P. B. Stevens notifying town officers,.....	5 00
	M. Webster collecting tax of 1855	67 31
	I. Herrick ser. as Selectman,.....	74 17
	Samuel Clark 2d, do.	65 92
	F. W. Coffin, do.	61 95
	A. Reynolds, Treasurer,.....	20 00
		—374 39

## BOOKS AND STATIONERY.

1856		
Feb.	To paid F. W. Coffin stationery.	97
	Abbott & Jenks printing,.....	1 63
	Wm. H. Fisk Highway Books,..	3 13
	M. Webster Tax Books &c.....	2 63
		— 8 36

## TRANSIENT POOR.

1854		
Mar. 14.	To Paid M. C. Smith board of Buck,.....	2 25
	E. L. Griffin for Medical attendance on James French,.....	25 86
1856		
Jan. 19,	S. C. Bailey wood Geo. Alexander,.....	17 21
	Sylvanus Brown care of John Gough,.....	6 00
	J. C. Drew wood for Sargent girls	14 00
	N. Warner, do.	12 37
	S. C. Bailey wood for G. Alexander,.....	5 04
		— 82 73

## ALMS HOUSE.

1855		
Feb. 23.	To paid George F. Adams for wood & Lumber,.....	5 50
Mar. 10.	James H. Crombie medical aid at alms house.....	16 00
Apr. 26.	Quincey & Eastman for shingles for barn,.....	100 00
May. 16.	J. C. Morrison hewing timber for barn,.....	39 92

June 19.	Robert McMurphey labor on	
	Barn,.....	3 00
July 20,	Luther W. Hall,..... do .....	100 00
Sep. 14	Samuel Clark 2d labor on barn,...	4 50
Jan. 12.	Barker & Poor's store bill,.....	91 54
Feb. 2,	J. H. Crombie attendance at alms	
	house,.....	16 75
	John Patton boards for barn,.....	5 60
	Charles C. Parker supplies,.....	54 71
9.	Isaac How, do do	18 02
	Samuel C. Kimball,.....	30 00
	James Evans blacksmith bill,....	1 90
	Charles C. Parker, supplies,.....	20 04
	L. Wilson blacksmith bill,.....	11 41
	J. H. Miltimore grain.....	7 50
	L. W. Hall labor on barn,.....	58 54
16,	John Folsom supplies,.....	25 40
	R. W. Thompson blacksmith bill,	7 50
	S. C. Kimball,.....	30 00
	J. Montgomery timber for barn...	42 71
	S. C. Kimball bal. of salary,.....	183 01
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		873 85
	Expense of building new barn and shed,	423 96
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	Leaving a bal. for expense at alms house.	449 89

### SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS AND HOUSES

Paid School Dist No	1	support of schools	219 60
" " "		rep. school house	100 00
" " "	2	ditto .....	200 00
" " "		support of schools	229 00
" " "	3	.....	61 54
" " "	4	.....	137 56
" " "		rep school house	25 00
" " "	5	support of schools	79 74
" " "	6	.....	131 51
" " "	7	.....	132 77
" " "	8	.....	150 60
" " "	9	.....	94 59
" " "	10	.....	45 36
" " "	11	.....	51 61



“ “ “ Rent of School Room 20 00

1709 75

### TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

Dec. 11, Paid S. L. Fletcher thousand re-  
quired by law,..... 32 81

### GRAVE YARD.

May 23, Paid W. B. Wilson digging graves 15 00

Nov. 24, “ “ “ “ 28 75

Leonard Wilson repairing tools, 2 00

Lucien Harper, labor, 50

### CHESTER ROAD.

July 28, Paid Lucius B. Blake for labor, 00 00

31, “ “ extra labor, 6 00

Sept. 10, Paid William Burpham for labor, 150 75

14, Samuel Clark 2d, “ “ 8 25

Oct. 25, “ “ “ “ “ 3 75

Nov. 15, County Road Commissioners, 66 75

Jan. 12, Jeremiah Bailey damages grading  
road, ..... 8 00

Feb. 2, Alvin J. Chase, labor, ..... 3 00

Alexis Proctor, surveying, ..... 5 00

9, Benj. Barker, measuring road, ..... 4 00

16, Geo. I. Choate, labor, ..... 1 87

Abraham Jenness, labor, ..... 1 75

19, S. Clark 2d, summoning witnesses 10 00

I. Herrick, summoning witnesses, 7 00

Geo W. Evans, measuring road, 1 50

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### PROCTOR ROAD.

1855.

Sept. 28, Paid Silas Proctor jr. for land damage 65 00

Isaac A. Brown, “ “ 150 00

John Kelley, “ “ 66 00

Alexis Proctor, “ “ 137 00

Samuel McFesh “ “ 3 50

Sylvanus Brown “ “ 18 00

L. B. Blake, building Proctor road 91 75

“ extra labor, ..... 8 00

Cheney & Co. express and adver-  
tisements, ..... 1 37

J. B. Rand, labor on Proctor road.	130	70
Joseph P. Emery, do.	25	75
F. W. Coffin, do.	1	25
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## NOTES PAID.

1855.		
Nov. 2.	Paid Richard Melvin's note....	350 00

## INTEREST PAID.

1855.		
Nov. 2.	Paid Richard Melvin,.....	2 80

## OUTSTANDING ORDERS.

Paid outstanding orders,.....	377	70
State tax,.....	450	80
County tax,.....	749	27
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## A. REYNOLDS, TOWN TREASURER, DR.

1855.	To bal. in treasury on settlement of former accounts,.....	461 53
May 6.	Cash of selectmen,.....	100 00
	Literary fund from the State,...	107 61
	Cash of selectmen,.....	350 00
	" " " " " " " "	137 00
	" M. Webster, taxes of 1854,	1600 00
	" selectmen, .....	600 00
	" county, for county paupers,	344 33
	" selectmen, col. of E. Shute,	103 45
	Railroad tax,.....	230 01
	Literary fund,.....	200 00
	Interest on literary fund,.....	18 28
	Interest on M. Webster's note,..	65
	Wm. J. Hall's note,.....	57 00
	Benj. Eastman's note,.....	484 00
	James C. Gregg,.....	20 00
	Cash of Lewis Bly,.....	17 07
	" M. Webster, tax list 1855,	1600 00
	Interest on B. Eastman's note,..	60 45
		<hr/> 6491 38
Cr.	Paid outstanding orders of 1854,	377 70
	Orders drawn in financial year '55	5133 04

Benj. Eastman's note,.....	544	45
Wm. J. Hall's note,.....	57	00
Literary fund,.....	200	00
Balance in treasury,.....	179	19

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# MOSES WEBSTER, COLLECTOR OF TAXES, DR.

To bal. of taxes on list of 1854,	1600	00
Taxes committed to him for 1855,	4487	73

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By amount paid on list of 1854,	1600	00
"    "    "    1855,	1600	00
Paid state tax,.....	450	80
county tax,.....	749	27
Balance of taxes on list of 1855,	1687	66

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# 1855. LIQUOR AGENCY DR.

Sept. 12, No. of galls. N. E. Rum, Bo't 102	351	21
"    "    Alcohol, " 421-2	33	15
"    "    Brandy, " 20, ...	96	00
"    "    Wines, " 39 1-2	82	13
"    "    Gin, " 27,...	47	25
To 12 Bottles of white port wine,	13	00
To truckage and freight,.....	4	13
To casks, faucets, measures, &c.,	7	75
To 1 record book,.....	33	
Agent's services to Feb. 18, 1856,	28	20
Amount in hands of agent,.....	1	73

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By cash received,.....	173	11
No. galls. rum on hand 19, cost,	10	26
"    "    alcohol, " 21, "	16	38
"    "    brandy, " 10 1-2, "	47	25
"    "    wine, " 35, "	72	00
"    "    gin, " 15, "	26	25
11 Bottles of white port wine,	11	88
1 cask sold,.....	83	
Casks, faucets and measures,...	6	92

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## RECEIPTS.

	Cash in the treasury,.....	461	33
May 2,	Cash of selectmen,.....	103	45
Aug. 6,	Cash borrowed of Joseph Leach,.....	100	00
	Literary fund from the State,.....	107	61
Sepa.	Cash borrowed of Richard Melvin,....	350	00
18,	" " Alexis Proctor,.....	137	00
	Moses Webster, balance of taxes, 1854,	1600	60
	Interest on Moses Webster's note,....	65	
	Cash borrowed of Hylmanus Brown,...	600	00
	Cash of county for support of paupers.	344	33
	Railroad tax,.....	230	61
	Tax collected on list of 1855.....	2800	07
	Cash of Lewis Bly,.....	17	07
	Interest on literary fund,.....	18	25
	Cash of J. C. Gregg,.....	20	00
	Outstanding orders,.....	410	87
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		7306	87

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Roads and bridges,.....	132	82
Snow paths,.....	286	72
Non-resident highway tax,.....	92	92
Miscellaneous bills,.....	272	57
Abatement of taxes,.....	50	31
Graveyard expenses,.....	46	25
Town officers,.....	374	39
Books and stationery,.....	8	36
Transient poor,.....	82	73
Alms-house expenses,.....	873	55
Support of schools and schoolhouses,.....	1709	75
Teachers' Institute,.....	83	81
Chester Road,.....	508	98
Proctor road,.....	688	32
Notes paid,.....	350	00
Interest,.....	9	80
Outstanding orders,.....	377	70
County tax,.....	749	27
State tax,.....	450	80
Balance in treasury,.....	179	19
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## 1850. NOTES PAYABLE.

May 3,	George Moore, .....	200 00
Oct. 8,	Lilly Cochran, .....	32 00
Dec. 26,	Wm. Morse, .....	156 58
1853.		
Nov. 1,	Betsey Stinson, .....	128 26
Jan. 8,	George Moore, .....	1236 42
	Sarah H. Moore, .....	126 56
1854.		
Sept. 1,	Joseph Leach, .....	200 00
1855.		
Feb. 22,	George N. Warner, .....	124 75
	" " .....	465 00
	Eleanor Kimball, .....	147 10
Sept. 18,	Alexis Proctor, .....	137 00
	Sylvanus Brown, .....	500 00
Aug. 6,	Joseph Leach, .....	100 00
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		3653 67
1856.		
Feb. 29,	Interest on the above notes to date, .....	406 27

## 1855. TOWN OF DERRY Dr.

Feb. 22.		
To notes payable, .....	3653 67	
Interest on notes, .....	406 27	
Outstanding orders, .....	410 87	
Due George W. Pinkerton, .....	7 00	
Literary fund, .....	200 00	
Amount due for liquors, .....	281 28	
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Cd.	5042 13	
By amount of literary fund, .....	200 00	
Uncollected taxes, .....	1687 66	
Due from school district No. 6, .....	17 00	
Due from George Warner, .....	5 17	
Due from S. Smith, .....	4 45	
Due on B. Eastman & Son's note and interest, ..	544 45	
Due on Wm. J. Hall's note, .....	87 00	
Cash in the treasury, .....	179 49	
Due from J. Montgomery, chopping, .....	22 00	
Due from county, support of paupers, .....	83 45	

Amount of cash, liquors, &c., in hands of agent,	364 88
Balance, being amount of town debt,.....	1877 44

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INVOICE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT ALMS HOUSE.  
FEB. 18, 1856.

4 Oxen,	\$250 00
3 Steers,	70 00
6 Cows,	162 00
3 Calves,	15 00
3 Horses,	200 00
15 Sheep,	45 00
Plows, harrow, cultivator &c.	25 00
Ox wagon, cart &c.	45 00
Lumber on hand,	22 00
Yokes and chains,	9 00
Forks, shovels &c.	4 00
Harnesses &c.	18 00
Sleigh and waggon,	35 00
Winnowing mill, pulley &c.	10 00
Hay,	270 00
Sleds, wheelbarrow, scythes &c.	10 00
Axes, pick, iron bars &c.	10 00
3 Shoats,	35 00
Wood on hand,	45 00
Corn,	40 00
Potatoes and other roots,	55 00
Beans,	3 00
Wheat, oats and rye,	25 00
Pork and hams,	108 00
Beef,	25 00
Lard,	11 00
Dried apples,	8 00
Butter,	25 00
Soap,	8 00
Flour,	8 00
Grass seed,	2 00
Apples,	22 00
Cider and vinegar,	23 00

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\$1643 00

The undersigned Auditors having examined the foregoing accounts as presented by the Selectmen, find them correctly cast and satisfactory vouchers corresponding thereto.

BENJ. E. EASTMAN, }  
ALFRED BOYD, } Auditors.  
JOSIAH H. ADAMS, }

Derry, Feb. 27, 1856.

In accordance with a vote of the town, the Selectmen respectfully submit the foregoing Report of the financial affairs of the town the past year. It will be seen that the new Barn, the Chester and Proctor Roads cost \$1621,26, and it will be remembered that the town voted to raise \$200 less for town expenses the present than former years. Had it not been for these the town debt would have been \$56,18.

We would simply say, in regard to the Barn, the condition of it was such that it must be repaired or the town would suffer. As to the Chester road, we believe every disinterested citizen, who knows all the facts, will be satisfied, and the Proctor road we were fully of the opinion that the building of it would save the town useless cost—and was but an act of justice to the petitioners.

ISRAEL HERRICK,	} Selectmen
SAMUEL CLARK, 2 <sup>d</sup>	
F. W. COFFIN,	
	} of
	} Derry.

Derry, Feb. 27, 1856.

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The Committee at the commencement of their term of office, divided its duties, so as to assign to each about an equal portion of the work of supervision, and the report of each school is made by the members of the Committee having it in charge.

Mr. Reynolds took charge of Districts Nos. 3, 6, and 10. Mr. Presner of Districts Nos. 2, 4, and 9. Mr. Day of Districts Nos. 1, 5, 8, and 11.

The only change from this arrangement was that Mr. Day visited the Winter schools of Nos. 4 and 9, and Mr. Presner of No. 1.

In looking back over the year now ending, we are happy in being able to say that no serious difficulty has occurred sufficient to be brought before the Committee. Our school was suspended by the death of a teacher, just when her services seemed especially valuable.

The usual complaint of irregular attendance might be made, and we would urge this subject to the attention of parents, if it had not been done so frequently, and to no little purpose. It seems a pity, that one quarter of our school time, and more than a quarter of the health of thousands, should be lost by the irregular attendance of pupils. And then too, when we consider how it breaks up the interest in classes, and disarranges all the plans of a teacher, the matter has an aspect more distressing.

Our School-Houses receive very much as they were, receiving no material reform from the Committee and occasional words from the boys.

The remarks of one of our members in her report would apply to none but the *best* of our houses. That it is *remained* *very* *carefully* and *carefully*.

We hope our Prudential Committee will perform one or two reorganizations, when they consider how much they have to do with the prosperity of our schools. They also have the selection of Teachers. And we cheerfully admit that they may see great reason in this matter, aiming only to promote the best interests of the schools and yet be charged by the persons employed. A person may possess the theory quite as well as necessary for teaching, and yet be entirely destitute of the most important requisites for his work. To succeed well, to be of real service, he must have skill in controlling



a school, in imparting instruction and in making mental impressions. To accomplish these things he must be no *drone* or *dunce*. He must possess clear discrimination of character, and an ardent devotion to his work.

But above all things be careful in regard to the moral character of the person employed. The teacher's trust is too sacred to be delivered to any but those whose characters are pure. Never let an immoral person leave the impress of his moral deformity on the plastic minds of the youth in any of our public schools, remembering that

"The seeds of early instructions are dropped in the deepest furrows."

We would also respectfully ask our Prudential Committees to be a little more particular in regard to the duties required of them by the laws of our State. They are required by law to notify the Superintending Committees of the time of the commencement of each term of school, a requisition sometimes neglected, on account of which it not unfrequently happens, that a school is not visited for several weeks after its commencement.

It may not be improper, to call attention to the fact, that the teacher is required to make a *proper return* to the Superintending Committee, before being entitled to any compensation for services. Attention to these matters would be quite a convenience to all connected with the schools.

Our schools have this year very emphatically illustrated the true economy in employing teachers. The *price* paid a teacher is a matter hardly worthy of consideration. One month of good schooling is worth more than an indefinite amount of an inferior quality. While most of our teachers have done well, and none have entirely failed, some have excelled, some have had *model schools*, schools where the minds of pupils were aroused—where the mental character was elevated. Such teachers do somethings besides *keep school*, and they cheap at any price. But such teachers labor, and they are worthy of their hire, and when they are found, we would urge that they be kept. The trouble now is that we train and fit excellent teachers in our schools, and as soon as they are known the more liberal compensation of our neighboring states takes them from us. This is a loss we can hardly afford to bear, even for the sake of benefitting our neighbors.

J. W. RAY,	} Superintending
ALFRED REYNOLDS,	
ALEXIS PROCTOR,	
	School
	Committee.

Derry, Feb. 29, 1856.

#### DISTRICT NO. 1.

SUMMER TERM.—The Summer School was taught by Miss Eliza Clarke. The teacher brought to her work the experience from for-

mer labors, and entered on her school duties with, perhaps, some additional enthusiasm. The good order, so manifest in the school, and apparently secured without severity, showed very clearly that she had a strong hold on the affections of her pupils. At both visits of the Committee, the indications observed, evinced faithful effort on the part of teacher to give instruction, and very creditable application on the part of the scholars. In reading and writing there was very decided progress manifested. Greater regularity of attendance would render the labors of a teacher much easier and more profitable to the District. Charles A. Nowell and James Nowell were marked as neither absent nor tardy. It is to be hoped that many others in future will do likewise.

WINTER TERM.—Mr. George J. Choate, Teacher. This school is yet to continue for several weeks, therefore so full a report of it cannot here be given as would be desirable. The member of the Committee who had charge of it visited it at the commencement, and also made it a short visit previous to the preparation of the Annual Report. And the impression he received was that the teacher was laboring faithfully and successfully. Good progress had been made in reading and in arithmetic. While the Committee was present the scholars manifested studiousness and good deportment.

## DISTRICT NO. 2.

SUMMER TERM.—Miss Annah Clifford, Teacher. This school appeared well at the commencement of the term, which led the Committee to believe that the school would be very pleasant and profitable to both teacher and scholars. We are very sorry to say, however, that the school entirely failed to meet the expectations of the Committee, and of the parents. A few young ladies who attended the school were quite attentive, and prompt in their recitations—had their example been imitated by the rest of the scholars, the school would have appeared to much better advantage. The teacher says in her report to the Committee—"That both coercive and persuasive means were used to secure order, but during the last part of the term—for some unknown causes—she could not secure *good order by any means*." Where scholars are in the habit of exercising the "*recto*" power at school, their progress in study is generally very limited.

WINTER TERM.—Mr. Benjamin Warner, Teacher. This District has more school money than any other in town. It also has one of the best school rooms in the country which is a good indication in favor of the character of its citizens and tax payers. The district has also been very fortunate in being able to secure the services of so thorough, energetic, and accomplished a teacher. Mr. W. succeeds in *waking up*, and *working up* the faculties of his scholars to the best advantage. The discipline was uniformly of the first order. At the closing examination the various recitations were very prompt, and quite satisfactory to the Committee and to the parents.

and citizens who were present in such numbers as to be hardly able to gain admittance into the school-room. The teacher's labors in this District will exert an influence for good which will continue to be felt for many years to come. At the close of the term, the scholars manifested their regard and attachment to their faithful teacher, by presenting him with a beautiful Bible. The following scholars have been neither absent or tardy—Martha G. Storer, Henry A. G. Storer, Milton Bailey and John Sanborn.

### DISTRICT NO. 3.

**SUMMER TERM.**—The school in Summer was in charge of Miss Sarah W. Ballou. The term was short and closed before its full time had expired, owing to the sickness and death of a sister of the teacher; for this reason it was not visited at its close. The impressions of the Committee on the visit at the commencement, were, that the teacher was beginning remarkably well, both as regarded her arrangement of classes and her general management. She has many desirable qualities as a teacher, and the Committee have reason to believe that this short term was not by any means an unprofitable one. One scholar, Abby C. Bradford, was neither absent or tardy.

**WINTER TERM.**—The Winter term was taught by Mr. George Brickett. The school was somewhat large, and a small number of the older boys, being a little more inclined to play than study, made it a pretty hard school for a young teacher, making his first attempt in the work, but with very slight exceptions the school passed pleasantly to its close. If some of the older scholars had a correct understanding of their true interest in the school-room, their time would be more profitably spent. At both visits of the Committee the teacher seemed energetic, and taught with a clear understanding of whatever claimed his attention. The term was too short to afford opportunity for making very great progress. This school needs a little more money to give it an equal opportunity for improvement with most of our schools.

### DISTRICT NO. 4.

**SUMMER TERM.**—Miss Sarah A. M. Alexander, Teacher. A large proportion of the scholars of this school were small. They were, however, skilfully and successfully taught. The order was very good, the recitations prompt, and all the exercises satisfactory to the Committee, and it is presumed to the many parents and others, who were present to witness the attainments which the scholars had made.

**WINTER TERM.**—The Winter school, in this District, was taught by Mr. Alexis Proctor, well known as an experienced and successful teacher. And perhaps it is sufficient to say, that he fully sustained his former reputation. Mr. Proctor possesses, in a very large measure, the *waking up* power. His pupils are all alive and



active, and at the same time they are under perfect control. The classes in Mental Arithmetic showed very great familiarity with the principles and very remarkable improvement. In Geography the outline Maps were *used*, with great interest and profit to the scholars, and in all respects this is a model school. The District also exhibits a good deal of the right kind of interest, not a little of it being felt in the right place—in the *pocket*. The recent improvement in the school room, renders it very pleasant and convenient.—And also the present term is almost doubled in length by contributions in wood and money. In all these respects the course of the District is worthy of imitation. Not absent or tardy at the last visit of the Committee, Ellen Boynton, Maria A. Boynton, Helen Taylor, Frank Taylor.

#### DISTRICT NO. 5.

**SUMMER TERM.**—The Summer term, taught by Miss Whittaker, appeared creditable at its commencement, but the teacher did not succeed in sustaining the reputation with which she commenced, nor in securing the confidence of her pupils. Hence the school at the closing examination did not meet the expectation of the Committee.

**WINTER TERM.**—The Winter school under the instruction of Mr. Charles A. Tenney, was a prosperous one. The term, though short, being only five weeks, was one of considerable progress. Mr. Tenney's manner in the school-room, and his determination to succeed, had the most favorable effect upon his pupils—a word or a look being sufficient in the way of discipline. This school, as it regards deportment, is worthy of much praise, nearly every pupil receiving the marked approbation of the teacher, and but ten cases of tardiness during the term.

#### DISTRICT NO. 6.

**SUMMER TERM.**—The Summer Term of this school, under the charge of Miss Emma L. Pillsbury, seemed to commence with considerable promise, and we would by no means, say that the term was wholly lost. A teacher in this District labors under much disadvantage—the old house—its location, nearly in the street—the liberty which the scholars claim, as a right of their own, to mar and deface the old school room—all tend to counteract the efforts of the teacher. From the register we notice the attendance to be very irregular, there being twenty-five scholars, and sixteen the average attendance. But few schools can make progress when the attendance is so irregular. Scholars must be punctual if they would advance in their studies.

**WINTER TERM.**—The Winter term was taught by Mr. Alfred Reynolds, well known as an experienced teacher in town. The number of scholars was so small that it would be difficult to awaken



a great degree of enthusiasm, but the school was by no means unprofitable one on that account. The teacher went quietly about his work and the pupils as quietly and industriously about theirs.—The teaching seemed characterised by distinctness and more effort appeared to be made to impart clear ideas than to make a show.—Particular attention was given to reading, with very manifestly good results. The classes in Arithmetic gave evidence of having good drilling. But the school-house, Oh Spirit of Improvement, cast a pitying look on its *shattered* and *tattered* exterior, and its hacked and haggled interior, and bestow thy kindly aid to supplant this wreck of antiquity, with a substitute, worthy of the name and design of such a house.

### DISTRICT NO. 7.

The Summer Term was under the care of Miss Dorcas C. Morrison. Her manner of teaching is highly commendable—having life and energy—yet she failed in the government of her school.—This defect perhaps may not be so much on the part of the teacher as of some of the scholars. The deportment of three or four required a special visit of the Superintending Committee. With the exception of these the deportment of the school is satisfactory—four scholars receiving special approbation, and five, Mary S. Page, Fidelia Hayes, Abby Hayes, Annah J. Drew and Anna Door, being neither absent nor tardy. The Committee in justice would say that the school as a whole, evinced marks of decided improvement, and would confidently recommend Miss Morrison as a teacher.

WINTER TERM.—The Winter School was favored with the instruction of Mr. Moses C. Smith, an experienced teacher. Mr. Smith succeeded in securing the confidence of his pupils, and interesting and profiting them. The government of the school was good, nearly all the classes showing marks of thorough and rudimental instruction—that in Greenleaf's Arithmetic being equal, if not superior to any in town. The compositions and declamations, giving variety to the exercises, were highly commendable.

### DISTRICT NO. 8.

SUMMER TERM.—The Summer term, taught by Miss M. F. Woodward, had been in progress for several weeks, owing to some misunderstanding, by which the Committee were not aware of its commencement, before it was visited by the Committee. It was found, however to be going on quite pleasantly. The instruction appeared elementary and thorough. At the examination at the close of the term very gratifying evidence was afforded of faithful teaching, and creditable improvement, the scholars appearing to have learned principles rather than facts and rules. A little more efficiency in government would not have been regarded as an evil.

WINTER TERM.—The Winter term was taught by Miss Anna Clifford. At the first visit of the Committee, the school appeared

unusually well. The order was almost perfect. In this respect it was not in as good condition at the closing visit, but the scholars acquitted themselves with much credit in their exercises. In reading the improvement was very marked, and it would be, perhaps, somewhat difficult to find as large a class as the one in Town's Third Reader, acquit themselves as creditably. The other classes in reading were good, but this one was decidedly marked. The classes seemed to have been well taught, and to have a pretty clear apprehension of the principles to which they had attended.

A considerable number of the parents were present at the closing examination, thus showing a good degree of interest in the prosperity of the school. While we are sorry to see so much absence and tardiness, it is pleasant to find those not absent or tardy during the term, viz: Hannah J. Greeley, Joseph W. Bailey and James F. McMurphy, and also Arville Greeley and Alvena J. True not tardy, and absent only a very few times for actual sickness.

This school is by far too good for such a school-house.

#### DISTRICT NO. 9.

**SUMMER TERM.**—Miss Lucinda J. Gregg, Teacher. The teacher labored faithfully in the discharge of her duties, and was very successful in her efforts. The order though secured in a very pleasant manner was generally efficient. At the closing examination, the various exercises and recitations gave evidence of thoroughness on the part of the teacher, and studiousness and attention on the part of the pupils. Miss Gregg is worthy of her hire.

The Committee was pleased to meet at the closing examination so many parents and citizens. We would earnestly recommend the practice of the parents of this District in *this* respect to the parents throughout the town.

**WINTER TERM.**—Mr. Arthur Folsom, Teacher. This was Mr. Folsom's first attempt at school teaching, but he devoted himself with great industry to his work, and with good success. The scholars made good progress in the several branches taught, particularly in what we regard the most essential and most neglected branch of study—that of *reading*. There are some fine seeds in this school which give promise of superior scholarship.

#### DISTRICT NO. 10.

One School only in this District the past year, taught by Miss Elizabeth Morrison. The school though small is interesting, and would have appeared finely had there been that stillness which is desirable in the school room. Miss Morrison possesses that earnestness and energy of character so requisite in a teacher. And in this, her first effort, she succeeded, to some extent, in imparting this life and energy to her school. The classes were prompt in their recitations, and in some very great improvement was noticeable.—The department good—two of the scholars receiving the mark of

special approbation ; and five, Charles H. Adams, Mary J. Adams, Sarah E. Hatch, Almira J. Clough, Susan D. Clough, are reported as neither absent nor tardy.

### DISTRICT NO. 11.

**SUMMER TERM.**—The Summer term was taught by Miss Francis Boyd. It was her first attempt at teaching, but her success was such as to afford the most satisfactory evidence of her fitness for her duties. She entered on her field of labor with much enthusiasm, not only devoting herself faithfully to her work during the hours of school, but also visiting the pupils at their homes, for the purpose of awakening more fully their interest, and also securing parental co-operation. By this course she very evidently gained the confidence of the citizens of the District and the affection of her pupils. But before the close of the term, severe and fatal disease fastened upon her and she was very suddenly called away from her work on earth to the great school above.

**WINTER TERM.**—The Winter term was taught by Miss Josephine P. Eastman, who was likewise a beginner in the work of teaching, but was none the less successful. The closing examination was quite satisfactory to the Committee. A class of young children gave evidence of very unusual progress in reading, having in a short time passed from the alphabet to easy lessons in reading. And all the other classes gave gratifying indications of fidelity on the part of both teacher and scholars. Perhaps the writing deserved special commendation.

This school evidently suffered serious inconvenience for want of a more quiet room, being very much disturbed by the noise in the building where it was taught. It is to be hoped that the District will soon provide itself with a school-house.

# STATISTICS OF THE SEVERAL SCHOOLS.

## SUMMER 1853.

Amount contributed in board, fuel or money, to prolong school.		No. in District who do not attend school between 4 and 16.	Number	In District who cannot read and write.	No. under 16 years of age.	No. over 16 years of age.	Average attendance.	Whole No. of scholars attending school 2 weeks.	Length of School in weeks.	Wages	Per month exclusive of board.	Number of Districts.
		6			47		35	47				1
		3			48		34	48				2
					31		17	32				3
					33		30	35				4
					31		15	32				5
					27		16	28				6
					31		10	31				7
					23	1	37	23				8
					23	3	25	23				9
					13		10	13				10
					29		25	29				11
					47		35	47				12
					48	1	34	48				13
					32		17	32				14
					35		30	35				15
					32		15	32				16
					28		16	28				17
					31		10	31				18
					16		37	16				19
					23		25	23	1-2			20
					13		10	13				21
					29		25	29	1-2			22

## WINTER SCHOOLS, 1853-4.

1	2	22	00	17	54	42	8	46				
2	24	00	18	64	53		9	55				9
3	16	00	6	33	25			33				
4	29	00	10	54	46		6	48				
5	26	00	5	31	23		2	29				1
6	20	00	11	16	11			16				8
7	24	00	10	28	22		4	24				7
8	12	00	13	46	36			46				
9	30	00	8	35	29		2	33				
10	No	Winter	term.									
11	"	"	"									

\$42 00



# REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN, AUDITORS,

AND

Superintending School Committee.

OF THE TOWN OF

# DERRY,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 23d, 1857.

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MANCHESTER,  
STEAM POWER PRINTING ESTABLISHMENT OF GOODALE & FARNSWORTH,  
71 Merchants' Exchange.  
1857.



# REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

## ROADS AND BRIDGES.

			\$
1856,			
March	10	To Paid James Reed for repairing Pond Bridge	13 63
		B. F. Gregg for repairing bridge	3 00
Aug.	2	E. M. Hilliard labor on road	4 38
		Silas Proctor, Jr., " "	1 75
	29	Samuel Clark " "	15 57
Sept.	3	E. M. Hilliard " "	7 70
Oct.	11	Samuel Adams " "	33 45
	14	Samuel Clark 2d " Fordway	
		bridge	6 25
Nov.	1	Hugh Jones labor on roads	3 75
	4	John Taylor 2d labor on road	9 74
Dec.	1	John Boynton " "	5 28
	13	George W. Head " "	4 32
	19	Stephen Pillsbury " "	7 00
	20	Edmund Hobbs " "	6 50
1857,			
Jan.	17	William Ela " "	2 25
		Sylvanus Brown " "	2 89
		Alexis Proctor " "	1 70
	31	Norman Matthew " "	18 90
		Hugh M. Campbell " "	2 40
Feb.	7	George Moore " "	1 25
		Samuel Marshal stones for bridge	2 50
		Stephen Smith sawing bridge plank	3 09
		Alfred Boyd plank for bridge	6 28
		Wm. S. Emery repairing seraper	1 80
Feb.	14	Samuel Wilson on Bog road	8 00
		Benjamin Adams labor	1 00

19	Peter J. Ham timber Fordway bridge	16 55
20	Israel Herrick labor on " "	2 95
	John C. Drew land damage	1 00

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\$194 88

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### SNOW PATHS.

1855,			\$
Feb. 26	To Paid	Nathaniel Brown .....	13 50
March 8		Robert T Chase .....	20 80
		Paul Taylor .....	15 35
		Luther C. Stevens .....	5 80
		E. M. Hilliard .....	24 45
		G. O. Drake .....	12 85
		Jacob Sheldon .....	12 60
		Silas Proctor, Jr., .....	24 75
		Isaac A. Brown .....	18 65
		Charles C. Johnson .....	9 81
		George Shute .....	26 20
		Robert Clendenin .....	12 73
		George D. Buttrick .....	11 90
		Isaac Chase .....	29 95
10		C. C. Parker .....	63 75
		Samuel Clark 2d .....	4 50
		Alvah Alexander .....	18 25
		William D. Clark .....	14 40
		Edmund Adams 2d .....	18 40
		James Reed .....	12 35
		James Taylor 2d .....	4 10
		Alfred Boyd .....	43 50
		Joseph P. Emery .....	27 10
		Perley C. Ingalls .....	51 38
		John Hemphill .....	31 80
		John H. Waterman .....	31 60
		David Bassett .....	1 40
		Wm. Burnham .....	4 70
		Joseph Montgomery .....	28 90
		Moody Morse .....	17 00
11		Wm. C. Ela .....	17 35
		Benjamin Adams .....	4 50
		Samuel Marshal .....	3 49
		George Moore .....	7 90
		Samuel Brown .....	14 00
12		Daniel P. Page .....	10 80
		Joshua Morse .....	22 10
18		Samuel Wilson .....	31 05



	24	Alexis Proctor .....	20 90
	27	Nathaniel M. Taylor .....	13 80
	28	Henry D. Carr .....	56 57
April	1	F. W. Coffin .....	12 20
		Samuel Adams .....	23 83
		James H. Crombie .....	4 00
May	9	Wm. Cunningham .....	8 50
	27	R. W. Adams .....	10 50
June	18	C. C. Parker .....	13 31
	19	Charles C. Johnson .....	2 10
		Joseph F. Barber .....	20 75
July	31	John J. White .....	1 00
		John H. Waterman .....	7 00
Aug.	29	Samuel Clark 2d .....	1 25
Sept.	16	Wm. C. Ela .....	26 51
Oct.	11	Samuel Adams 2d .....	6 35
Nov.	20	John Moore .....	2 00
	22	James Kelley .....	3 84
	24	Edmund Adams 2d .....	6 72
Dec.	10	George Shute .....	3 00
	13	Alvah Alexander .....	2 90
1857,			
Jan.	17	Wm. C. Ela .....	70
		Wm. B. Merrill .....	42 60
		Alexis Proctor .....	1 50
	31	Hiram Johnson .....	1 50
Feb.	7	Wm. D. Clark .....	1 40
		Alfred Boyd .....	6 90
	14	George E. Upton .....	1 70
	19	Isaac Chase .....	1 80
		George D. Buttrick .....	95
		James C. Morrison .....	1 00

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\$1030 74

### NON-RESIDENT HIGHWAY TAXES.

1856,				\$
Feb.	27	To Paid Alfred Boyd for working N. R. H. tax		
		of 1855		10 43
March	8	Robert T. Chase	" "	2 22
	10	James Reed	" "	4 17
		John H. Waterman	" "	6 02
	11	Caleb Page	" "	83
	12	Luther C. Stevens	" "	1 76
May	9	W. Cunningham	" "	4 00
June	18	R. McMurphy	" "	7 16

	19	Joseph P. Emery	"	"	2 70
Aug.	23	C. B. Radcliff	"	"	4 56
Sept.	5	Alfred Reynolds	"	"	1 49
	24	Moses Webster for receipt taken up			14 47
Nov.	4	John Taylor 2d for working tax of 1856			10 24
1857,					
Jan.	3	Horace Bond	"	"	7 13
	13	Wm. S. Emery	"	"	2 14
	17	George F. Adams	"	"	1 74
		Moody Morse	"	"	3 72
		Wm. Ela	"	"	2 02
	31	Norman Matthew	"	"	1 97
Feb.	7	George Moore	"	"	42
		Alfred Boyd	"	"	5 81
	20	Moses Webster tax receipts			41 43
	22	Wm. Waterman			5 85
		John W. Page			85
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					\$143 13

### ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

1856,				\$
March 10	To Paid John Taylor (of Salem)	ab't of tax of		
	1855			2 40
July 9	Wm. H. Ball	"		4 40
Sept. 24	Moses Webster	"		19 36
Nov. 1	Samuel Adams	ab't of tax of 1856		7 00
Dec. 13	B. Duffee	" "		40
1857,				
Jan. 3	Heirs of D. W. Dickey	"		11 60
Feb. 7	Samuel Marshal	tax of 1855		48
	John Nichols	tax of 1856		2 60
	Martha Gilmore	"		2 19
20	Moses Webster	ab't on list of 1856		28 58
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				\$79 01

### MOSES WEBSTER COLLECTOR OF TAXES, DR.

1856,		\$
	To ballance of tax list of 1855	1 687 66
	amount of tax list of 1856	6 222 92
	amount of non-resident highway tax	107 80
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		\$8 018 38

	CR.
By amount paid on tax list of 1855	1 687 66
“ “ “ 1856	3 925 57
Balance in hands of Collector of taxes of 1856	2 405 15
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	\$8 018 38

### MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

1856,		\$	
Feb.	27	To Paid Alfred Boyd as Auditor	1 18
March	11	G. C. Bartlett in case of Chester road	24 00
	27	Samuel C. Bailey wood for parish hall	3 38
April	1	L. P. Bricket for enrolling militia	2 25
	23	Insane Asylum board of Sarah Cowdry	69 01
Jan.	18	P. B. Stevens cleaning parish hall	1 25
		P. B. Stevens notifying town officers	5 00
Sept.	24	Moses Webster guaranteeing taxes	15 00
Oct.	14	John Kelley perambulating Hampstead line	1 86
		John H. Goodale printing Town Ac'ts for 1855	29 75
Nov.	5	Insane Asylum board of Sarah Cowdry	75 11
	20	John Kelley perambulating Chester line	2 12
1857,			
Jan.	17	Phinehas Palmer ballot-box and guide-board	10 53
		Josiah H. Adams erecting guideboards	4 43
		John Humphrey repairing parish hall	1 50
	31	Ebenezer Cogswell services parish hall	7 25
Feb.	7	John H. Goodale check lists. town warrants, blank orders, &c.,	13 25
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			\$266 87

### REPORT OF LIQUOR AGENCY FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 18th 1857.

	DR.
To cash value of liquors, casks and measures on hand Feb. 18, 1856	190 94
Balance of cash on hand Feb. 18, 1856	1 73
Cash for cask	83
Amount bills of liquors bought	272 22

Freight and truckage	3 50
Agents services one year	65 00
Balance of cash on hand	6 03

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\$540 25

	Cr.	
By cash received on sales of liquors and casks	415 25	
Feb. 1857 Amount of liquors, casks, measures &c. on hand	125 00	

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\$540 25

CHARLES C. PARKER, *Agent.*

### ALMS HOUSE.

1856.			\$	
March 10	To Paid James Reed said bill		5 14	
April 5	Eastman & Quincey's bill		93 26	
July 25	H. P. Hood's bill for grain		44 40	
Oct. 20	C. C. Parker supplies		96 24	
Dec. 2	J. C. Barstow pasturing cattle		24 00	
	H. H. Peters manufacturing cloth		11 11	
	8 Isaac Howe for boots		10 30	
1857,				
Jan. 3	Barker & Poore supplies		67 63	
	Wm. Leach "		29 98	
	31 Erastus Hutchins halter &c.		1 70	
Feb. 7	Eastman & Quincey supplies		108 75	
	C. C. Parker "		23 76	
	James H. Crombie medical attendance		5 00	
	14 Leonard Wilson blacksmithing		5 07	
	Albert Thompson "		2 77	
	Lucien Harper supplies		16 85	
	19 Peter J. Horn plaster		2 25	
	Abram D. Jenness beef ox		49 00	
	Samuel C. Kimball's salary \$250, less by the balance of his Almshouse account \$46 68		203 32	
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			\$800 53	

### BALANCE SHEET OF ALMSHOUSE EXPENSE.

Amount of orders on Treasury	800 53
" bills paid by Superintendent	104 06
" personal property at Almshouse Feb. 18, 1856	1 643 00



"	due Insane Asylum support Sarah Cowdry	47 20
"	" " " Roxanna Conner	35 67
"	due from County on last year's account	83 45

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\$2 713 91

Bills for expenses of 1855, viz:

James Reed's bill of March 10, 1855	\$ 5 14	
Eastman & Quincey's bill of April 5, 1856	93 26	98 40

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\$2 615 43

Amount sold from farm 1856		150 74
" personal property at Almshouse Feb. 18, 1857,	1 746 75	
" received of County for support of paupers	552 34	
" due from County, Feb. 22d inst.	180 87	
Labor on roads and bridges	17 75	
W. J. Hall's note	7 67	
Due from J. Montgomery for chopping	25 00	

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\$2 681 12

Receipts over expenditures exclusive of interest on farm	\$65 69
The receipts of Almshouse are lessened \$65 00 by the loss of a colt.	

### TRANSIENT POOR.

1856,			\$
March	8	To Paid J. C. Eastman medical attendance of J. F. Adolphus	21 50
	27	Samuel C. Bailey wood for George Alexander	4 50
June	19	S. Dustin wood for Samuel Nichols	3 50
		J. P. Emery for board of J. F. Adolphus	15 00
		J. P. Emery wood for Samuel Nichols	5 00
Oct.	20	C. C. Parker supplies for "	10 53
1857,			
Jan.	17	David Stinson wood for George Alexander	4 52
Feb.	7	Lyman Hayes wood for Sargent family	37 00
		Daniel Carr wood for G. Alexander	6 93
		S. C. Bailey " " "	3 25
	20	S. Clark 2d " " "	2 75

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\$114 48

## GRAVE YARD.

1856,			\$	
May	27	Wm. B. Wilson digging graves		20 13
Dec.	1	" " "		16 00
		Leonard Wilson blacksmithing		1 57
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				\$37 70

## BOOKS AND STATIONERY.

1856,			\$	
March	27	To Paid W. H. Fisk for Record Book for Town Clerk		9 00
		W. H. Fisk for Invoice and Town Officer's books		2 50
1857,		W. H. Fisk Highway Surveyor's list		2 50
		F. W. Coffin stationary		74
Feb.	20	Moses Webster Tax Book and bills		2 50
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				\$17 24

## TOWN OFFICERS.

1856,			\$	
April	1	To Paid J. W. Ray as Superintending School Committee		21 32
	15	Samuel Clark 2d services as Selectman		8 33
Nov.	20	F. W. Coffin " "		7 08
		Israel Herrick " "		0 00
1857,				
Jan.	17	Alexis Proctor services as Superintending Committee		15 00
Feb.	19	Alfred Reynolds services as Superintending School Committee		14 80
	20	Samuel Clark 2d services as Selectman		52 14
		Israel Herrick " " 1856		8 94
		" " "		51 37
		F. W. Coffin		57 56
		Moses Webster collecting tax of 1856		94 96
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				\$331 59

## EDUCATION.

1856,

			Dr.
To Paid District No. 1	School money		263 39
	No. 2	"	237 71
	No. 3	"	67 21
	No. 4	"	148 48
	No. 5	"	68 71
	No. 6	"	81 83
	No. 7	"	135 71
	No. 8	"	152 35
	No. 9	"	103 21
	No. 10	"	39 07
	No. 11	"	90 54
	No. 12	"	75 25
Dist. No. 2	amount of schoolhouse tax		65 00
	No. 8	" "	1000 00
	No. 11	" "	31 50
	No. 12	" "	150 00
Teachers Institute			38 64
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			\$2 748 60

## EDUCATION,

1856.

Cr.

			\$
By amount of school tax.....			1289 40
Literary fund.....			133 56
School house tax, District No. 2.....			65 00
do do 8			1000 00
do do 11			31 50
do do 12			150 00
Teacher's Institute.....			38 64
Railroad money and int. of fund ....			40 50
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			2748 60

## NOTES PAID.

1856.

			\$
Apr. 14, To paid Isaac How's note.....			244 00
" 16, " Wm. Moor's note.....			156 68
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			400 68

## INTEREST PAID.

1856.

			\$
Apr. 16, To paid Wm. Moor.....			46 28

## OUTSTANDING ORDERS, &amp;c.

1856.			\$	
	To paid outstanding order of 1856.....		410	87
	“ State tax.....		450	80
	“ County tax.....		974	05
	A. REYNOLDS, TREASURER,		Dr.	
1856	To balance in Treasury on settlement 1856....		179	19
Mar. 19	Cash borrowed of Samuel C. Kimball.....		100	00
Apr. 4	Cash borrowed of Benjamin Kimball.....		250	00
“ 7	“ “ Moses Webster.....		100	00
“ 14	“ “ Nancy Jane Wilson.....		170	00
	“ of M. Webster, balance of taxes for 1855		1687	66
Sept. 15	“ borrowed of Lorenzo Kimball.....		250	00
“	“ “ Literary fund of the State. *		133	56
Dec. 22	“ Railroad tax.....		253	46
“	“ for support of County paupers.....		552	34
“	“ on B. Eastman & son's note.....		567	29
“	“ M. Webster's taxes of 1856.....		2500	72
	“ Literary fund.....		200	00
	“ Wm. J. Hall's note.....		7	67
			\$6951	89
			Cr.	
	By paid am't of outstanding orders of 1855.....		\$410	87
	do Orders drawn financial year 1856.....		5643	67
	do Wm. J. Hall's note.....		7	67
	Literary fund.....		200	00
	Balance in Treasury .....		684	65
	Loss by bad money, (failure of bank,).....		5	00
			\$6951	89

## RECEIPTS.

1856.			\$	
	By Cash in Treasury.....		179	19
	“ Borrowed of Samuel C. Kimball.....		100	00
	“ “ Benjamin Kimball.....		250	00
	“ “ Moses Webster.....		100	00
	“ “ Nancy Jane Wilson.....		170	00
	“ “ Lorenzo Kimball.....		250	00
	Literary fund from the State.....		133	56
	Rail Road tax from the State.....		253	46
	County support of paupers.....		552	34
	By cash of M. Webster, balance of taxes for 1855..		1687	66
	“ B. Eastman & son on note.....		567	29
	“ Moses Webster on list of tax for 1856.		3925	57
	“ Outstanding orders.....		568	12
			\$8737	19



## DISBURSEMENTS.

Roads and bridges.....	194 88
Snow paths.....	1030 74
Non resident highway tax.....	143 13
Abatement of taxes.....	79 07
Miscellaneous bills.....	266 87
Alms house.....	800 53
Transient poor.....	114 48
Grave yard.....	37 70
Books and Stationery.....	17 24
Town Officers.....	331 59
Education.....	2748 60
Notes paid.....	400 68
Interest paid.....	46 28
Outstanding orders.....	410 87
County tax.....	974 05
State tax.....	450 80
Cash in Treasury.....	684 68
Loss in Treasury by bad money.....	5 00
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	\$8737 19

## NOTES PAYABLE.

1853.		\$	
Nov. 1	Betsey Stinson.....	128 26	
Jan. 8	George Moore.....	1236 42	
	Sarah H. Moore.....	126 56	
1854, Sep. 1,	Joseph Leach.....	200 00	
1855, Feb. 22,	George N. Warner.....	124 75	
"	".....	465 00	
	Eleanor Kimball.....	147 10	
Sept. 18,	Alexis Proctor.....	137 00	
Aug. 6,	Joseph Leach.....	100 00	
1856, Mar. 29,	Samuel C. Kimball.....	100 00	
Apr. 3,	Benj. Kimball, for Liquor agency.....	250 00	
7,	Moses Webster.....	100 00	
14,	Nancy J. Wilson.....	170 00	
Sept. 15,	Lorenzo Kimball.....	250 00	
	Lilly Cochran.....	42 00	
1857, Feb. 7,	George Moore.....	263 06	
	19, Lorenzo Kimball.....	649 52	
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		\$4489 67	
Feb. 22,	Interest on the above notes to date.....	413 28	

## TOWN OF DERRY,

Cr.

1857.

Feb. 22,	To notes payable.....	\$ 4489 67
	Interest on above notes to date.....	413 28
	Outstanding orders.....	568 12
	Due Geo. W. Pinkerton....	7 00
	Literary fund.....	200 00
	Insane Asylum.....	82 87

\$5760 94

Cr.

1857.

Feb. 22,	By amount of Literary fund.....	200 00
	Uncollected taxes.....	2405 15
	Due from S. Smith.....	4 45
	do George Warner.....	5 17
	do J. Montgomery, for chopping...	25 00
	County support of paupers.....	180 87
	Wm. J. Hall's note.....	7 67
	Amount of cash borrowed for Liquor agent....	250 00
	Cash in Treasury.....	684 68
	Due from school district No. 6.....	17 00

3779 99

Town debt at this time..... 1980 95

ISRAEL HERRICK, } *Selectmen*  
 SAMUEL CLARK, 2d } *of*  
 F. W. COFFIN, } *Derry.*

The undersigned Auditors having examined the foregoing accounts as presented by the Selectmen, find them correctly cast and satisfactory vouchers corresponding thereto.

JOSIAH H. ADAMS, }  
 ALFRED BOYD, } *Auditors.*  
 HENRY E. EASTMAN, }

INVOICE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT ALMSHOUSE  
FEBRUARY 18, 1857.

4 oxen.....	\$ 275 00
3 steers.....	110 00
6 Cows.....	180 00
4 young cattle.....	50 00
2 horses.....	135 00
16 sheep.....	55 00
Hay, cornfodder, &c.....	280 00
Hay-cutter and seed-sower.....	25 00
Sleigh and waggon.....	35 00
Harnesses, &c.....	15 00
Winnowing mill and pulley blocks.....	9 00
Yokes and chains.....	12 00
Forks and shovels.....	4 00
Plows, harrow, cultivator, &c.....	25 00
Ox-waggon, cart, &c.....	40 00
Sleds and wheel-barrow.....	7 00
Horse-rake and grindstone.....	5 00
Axes, ironbars, pick, &c.....	10 00
Scythe-snaths and hoes.....	5 00
Lumber on hand.....	22 00
Wood on hand.....	40 00
6 shoats.....	70 00
Corn.....	70 00
Potatoes and other roots.....	74 00
Oats.....	12 00
Pork and hams.....	56 00
Beef.....	32 00
Lard.....	8 50
Butter.....	12 50
Soap.....	4 00
Flour.....	8 00
Grass seed.....	1 50
Apples.....	7 00
Cider and Vinegar.....	23 00
Candles and tallow.....	7 00
Coffee, sugar and tea.....	7 00
15 yards of kerseymere.....	11 25
Fish.....	5 00

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UNSETTLED SNOW-PATHS OF WINTER 1856-7.

Henry D. Carr's bill.....	\$41 60
Wm. N. Wilkinson.....	20 18

George Shute.....	19 62
Joseph Montgomery.....	15 87
Matthew Clark.....	13 75
George A. Goodhue.....	6 50
Ephraim M. Hilliard.....	48 20
Isaac Chase.....	54 19
Wm. W. Waterman.....	18 00
Norman Matthews.....	11 00
Daniel P. Page.....	16 49
John Gregg.....	9 37
Benjamin Poor.....	12 87
George N. Warner.....	24 05
James Rogers.....	11 37
George W. Greeley.....	8 98
Nathaniel H. Brown.....	35 83
Samuel Clark, 2nd,.....	19 34
Charles C. Johnson.....	6 95
James Reed.....	7 00
Alfred Boyd.....	16 18
Hugh Jones.....	19 83
Robert T. Chase.....	8 62
Samuel Adams, 2nd,.....	22 24
James C. Morrison.....	19 87
Alexis Proctor.....	5 00
Nathaniel M. Taylor.....	18 50
Robert Adams.....	7 00
Luther C. Stevens.....	6 50
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524 90	

In closing their accounts, the Selectmen would say that at the closing of their accounts of last year, the Town was owing for snow paths about \$1,000, Eastman & Quincy's bill of \$93,26, besides sundry small bills which were not included in their account, amounting in all to nearly \$1150.

At the present time the bills for snow paths are very near \$524, 90. All other bills or claims of which we have any knowledge or intimation of, will not exceed \$50, making about \$574,90; consequently the liabilities of the Town are now near \$574,90 less than at the closing of the accounts last year.

And in compliance with a vote of the town, we hereby respectfully submit our report of the financial affairs of the town for the past year.

ISRAEL HERRICK,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
SAMUEL CLARK, 2d,	
F. W. COFFIN,	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>Derry.</i>



## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The Superintending School Committee of the Town of Derry,  
for the year ending, March 10th, 1857, submit the following

### R E P O R T.

#### DISTRICT NO. 1.

The summer school of this District, taught by Miss E. A. Marshall, was divided into two terms of almost two months each. Your committee visited it soon after the commencement of the first term, but were far from being pleased with its general appearance. Although the teacher seemed to do her duty to the best of her abilities, yet the scholars did not seem to be much benefitted thereby, owing in part to their want of appreciation of the purpose for which they had come to school, and in part to the great proportion of small scholars. It seemed very hard for the teacher to fix the minds of many of her youngest pupils on anything in particular, they preferring a general survey of the school room and its contents. Your committee were unable to visit the school again, although desirous of doing so, until the final examination, at which they were most agreeably disappointed in finding the school in a most flourishing condition. The recitations were, as a general thing, very correct, and the general interest and deportment good. Among many other points worthy of commendation, but which we must omit for want of room, was that of punctuality and constancy in attendance, in which respect this school in general excelled greatly. There were some fifteen of the pupils of this school who were (according to the Record) neither absent or tardy, a fact worthy of much commendation, and of imitation by other scholars, there and elsewhere. On the whole your committee think that Miss Marshall accomplished a good work; a little more so than could have been reasonably expected of her, the state of the school being considered.

THE WINTER TERM of this school was kept by Mr. Benjamin Warner, whose adaptedness to teaching is too well known to require any comments. Suffice it to say that your committee found the school, soon after its commencement, under full headway, promising to accomplish during the term an unusually good work. The entire school seemed to be interested to an unusual degree in their studies, and when such is the case, and the teacher competent, the school can hardly fail to prove an unusually profitable one, both to teacher and scholar. Leaving them thus fairly embarked on their winter's voyage up the river of knowledge, with a good helmsman in charge, we did not again visit them "though oft invited to," until the closing examination, at which time your committee, together with many relatives and friends were

highly entertained by the intellectual feast spread before us. Where all was more than good it would be unjust to specify any particular recitation or scholar, and we would therefore pass over the exercises by assuring you that we consider the great success of Mr. Warner's administration as a fixed fact. The order and deportment of the school, so far as your committee noticed, were unexceptionable.

Much additional interest was given to the closing exercises by the presentation of a beautiful copy of Byron's Works to the teacher, from his scholars, to which he made an appropriate and feeling reply.

In the opinion of your committee the residents of district No. 1 have good reason for being well pleased with their past year's schooling.

### DISTRICT NO. 2.

**SUMMER TERM.**—Miss Lucinda J. Gregg, teacher. Miss Gregg has taught in this town before with good success. She governs in a very mild manner, and the order of her school is such as to give general satisfaction. She has the faculty—so desirable in a teacher—of inspiring her pupils with a feeling of self-respect, a sense of propriety, and a desire for improvement.

At the closing examination the classes were prompt, and gave good evidence of studious application and attention on their part, and faithful and thorough instruction on the part of the teacher.

**WINTER TERM.**—Mr. George I. Choate, teacher. This school was visited twice during the first part of the term: and the impression we then received was, that the school was in a very prosperous condition. The order was generally good, although there were evidently some restless spirits among the younger pupils. The classes were prompt, energetic and accurate in their various exercises.

We are glad to see so much attention given to the most important, though often too much neglected branch of education—viz: *Reading*.

We are very sorry to say that the teacher had the misfortune to be thrown from a carriage during the intermission previous to the afternoon appointed for the final examination, and was so seriously injured that the examination was in consequence postponed. Therefore we cannot speak with certainty of the improvement made during the term.—But from the impression we received at the commencement, we think the progress made in the various studies very creditable to both scholars and teacher.

We see by the teacher's register that a majority of the pupils lost but little time, by absence, and one young lady has been neither absent nor tardy.

Much commendation is given to the scholars by persons residing in the neighborhood of the school for their improved deportment in the street while going to and from school. This matter should have the careful attention of all our teachers.

### DISTRICT NO. 3.

The school was kept for two terms, in the summer by Miss S. W. Ballou.

Your committee visited the school within a short time of its commencement the first term, and found the school in good condition, and the studies and recitations progressing favorably. So far as they had gone, the scholars seemed to have well understood the whys and where-ores.

Your committee were unable to again visit the school until the commencement of the second term, at which time they found it much improved from the previous visit. Teacher and scholars seemed to understand for what they met there, and determined to act accordingly.

Owing to the illness of the teacher, there was no formal closing of the term; therefore your committee can report progress no further.—They are sorry however, on looking over the record to find that promptness and constancy in attendance, was *not* the habit of a large proportion of the scholars; but few comparatively having made a good show in those respects. This is a fault which cannot well be too much deprecated, and which thoughtful parents will do well to consider more than in too many cases they do. The injury to the absent or tardy scholar, his teacher, his parents, or his associates is very rarely realized by either of the parties injured, excepting the teacher, who too often feels that all his efforts are rendered almost useless by this great and general defect of our common schools.

#### DISTRICT NO. 4.

SUMMER TERM.—Miss A. E. Boynton, teacher. The school was noisy, both at the first, and at the second examination.

Distinctness in the articulation of words and syllables was urged upon the attention of the school. This is a matter which should engage the attention of parents, as well as teachers, in all our districts.

Improvement was visible in the Reading, in Geography, Grammar, and in Emerson's and Colburn's Arithmetic.

WINTER TERM.—Mr. Alfred Reynolds, teacher. Mr. Reynolds' disposition and manners are mild and gentle; so much so as to make it difficult, at times, to manage unruly boys. We have, however, seen that the contrary qualities in other teachers, have not always been more successful.

The scholars were generally still and attentive at both visits of the committee.

At the second examination many of the larger scholars were absent, in attendance upon a funeral, but those who were present, for the most part appeared well in their lessons—several of the classes very well; showing a considerable degree of improvement. Especially was this the case in Geography, 2d class in Colburn's Arithmetic, and in several of the classes in reading. An observable advance is made in this school in distinct articulation of words and syllables.

The school had the disadvantage of being unfinished, when examined the second time.

#### DISTRICT NO. 5.

SUMMER TERM.—Miss A. F. Kimball, teacher.

The class in Adams' Arithmetic recited correctly the rules, and performed questions on the blackboard to illustrate them. The class in Colburn's Arithmetic made progress, and seemed to understand well the ground they had been over. The recitations in Geography were very good.

Teacher prompt—house neat, and decorated with evergreens and oak trimmings—a very successful school.



THE WINTER SCHOOL was begun by Miss Kimball. After a few days, in consequence of sickness, Miss Kimball gave place to Miss Lucinda J. Gregg, who conducted the school to its conclusion with honor to herself, and satisfaction to the scholars and their friends.

The Reading was generally fluent, and correct in pronunciation and had some regard to appropriate emphasis.

The recitations in Arithmetic were correct, and in Colburn, particular attention was given to the reasoning, which is specially important in the study of that book; in Geography prompt and correct.

Good order—school wide awake—great improvement in many respects.

#### DISTRICT NO. 6.

SUMMER TERM. Miss Sarah A. Webster, Teacher. The scholars composing this school were *few*. The number of weeks in the term *fewer*. The teacher labored faithfully in the discharge of her duty, and the progress made by the scholars was more than any one could reasonably expect in so short a time. At the closing examination the schoolroom was beautifully and tastefully adorned with evergreens and flowers. It would give us great pleasure to say here that the school house was as creditable to the district as was the school.

WINTER TERM. Mr. Edward Varnum, Teacher. He requires his scholars to be thorough in all their studies. He is very industrious in the school room, and his scholars are making good progress. The school is still to continue some time.

#### DISTRICT NO. 7.

SUMMER TERM.—Miss Lucy J. Clark, teacher. The scholars composing this school are mostly quite young—three-fourths being less than ten years old. Notwithstanding more than one-third of the term was lost by irregular attendance, all the classes made progress in their various studies.

At your last visit the order was not quite so good as would be desirable. This may, in a great measure, be accounted for by the uncomfortable, and ill-constructed seats of the school room.

Miss Clark is a superior scholar, and with experience, and a little more confidence in her abilities, will rank among our best teachers.

WINTER TERM.—Mr. H. P. Bickford, teacher. Mr. Bickford possesses good literary qualifications, and he labored diligently to advance his scholars, and was generally successful.

The first and second classes in Reading improved very much during the term. The classes in written Arithmetic appeared very well. But the class in mental Arithmetic made a less satisfactory appearance.

The teacher in his remarks to the committee complains of the irregular attendance of the scholars, and of the uncomfortable school house. We hope the enterprising inhabitants of this district will not suffer their children to attend school another winter in a house hardly fit for the abode of *owls* and *bats*. The scholars of this district are *deserving* of a good house.

#### DISTRICT NO. 8.

SUMMER TERM.—Miss M. F. Woodworth, teacher. Miss Woodworth had an excellent school. Her management was discreet, and the order of the school commendable.



The instruction natural and thorough. Most of her classes exhibited an uncommon correctness and promptness in their recitations. This was especially the case in Arithmetic. Attention was carefully and profitably given to Penmanship. Exercises in declamation were pleasantly mingled with the others.

THE WINTER SCHOOL was again favored with the valuable services of Mr. Andrew Marshall.

At the first visit, the interest, attention and good order of the scholars, together with the very particular and careful method of Mr. Marshall in communicating instruction, combined with the advantages of a new, beautiful, and convenient school room to give promise of a term of unusual interest and profit.

The second examination, several weeks before the end of the term, fully justified all our expectations.

Mr. Marshall obviously has a strong hold upon the minds of his scholars. He is careful to drill them in the elementary facts and principles of the branches which he teaches, makes them think for themselves, and know all about the matters in hand. His reading lessons were remarkable examples of a teacher's ability to give to this, often dull exercise, life and interest, by making them the themes of a multitude of inquiries adapted to excite thought and convey information.

A lesson in the Bible every Monday morning, is considered a very useful exercise, as it tends to the cultivation of those moral virtues which are as essential to well ordered schools, as they are to individual happiness and the public welfare,—at the same time it conforms to the law of the State which makes it the duty of teachers of youth "to take diligent care to instruct children in the principles of piety and virtue."

This district always has good schools. One main reason of it may be the general interest of the inhabitants in the education of their children. Always ready to contribute what may be for the benefit of their schools, they have especially honored themselves, and the town also, by the erection, this winter, of a large and handsome school house, and fitted it up with the most improved modern fixtures and conveniences; and at an expense, when fully completed, of fifteen hundred dollars.

A people who are doing so much for the education of their children, deserve well of their country, and especially of their fellow townsmen, to whom they afford so valuable an example. And certainly "their children will rise up and call them blessed." And, after all, what should men feel interested in, and make sacrifices for, if not the education of the minds and hearts of their own children?

#### DISTRICT NO. 9.

SUMMER TERM.—Miss Hannah Varnum, teacher. Miss Varnum has not had much experience as a school mistress, and yet she succeeded in awakening the interest of her pupils, and in maintaining good order.

Her instruction was faithful and thorough, and the recitations, generally very correct.

Singing was practised in this school; a very useful exercise, and well worthy of more general attention in the education of children. The examination was creditable to both teacher and scholars.

Mr. H. B. Upton had charge of the winter school. The examination was attended before the end of the term, and before the scholars had reviewed their studies, and consequently was not so satisfactory as it might have been.

The class in Adams's Arithmetic had made good progress and seemed to understand well the principles of the science as far as they had advanced. The class in Colburn should give more attention to the exact method of reasoning required by this author, and should learn to solve the questions without the teacher's help. Particular commendation should be given to the class in Holbrook's Arithmetic, the class in Geography, and to the 2d class in spelling, and also to the writing books. A few *Shade trees* near the school house would add much to the pleasantness of its situation, and to the comfort of the scholars in summer.

#### DISTRICT NO. 10.

In this district only one term of school was kept, and that by Miss H. S. Holmes. Here your committee find the same disadvantages (only more so) for teacher and scholar to contend with, as in district No. 11—viz: short and irregular school, and a "jack-at-a-pinch" school house. Yet the school appeared very well, the teacher being efficient and energetic, and the scholars studious and attentive.

From the general appearance, your committee judge that the scholars are tired of a poor renown, and determined to win a better.

At the closing exercises of the school, your committee were again present, and much pleased with the evident progress the school had made, it being far ahead of the past examinations of the district.

In some points the scholars deserve especial notice: for instance, those in Colburn's Arithmetic, also the writing of most of the school.

A little more care is desirable in exact reading, especially as to distinct, and correct pronunciation.

Of the school in most respects, your committee feel justified in giving a creditable report.

#### DISTRICT NO. 11.

In this district, the school which is kept only in summer, was taught by Miss J. M. Carrier, in two terms of eight and twelve weeks.

Here your committee found teacher and scholars laboring under the disadvantages of a small and irregular school, and a poor apology for a school house. These things considered, the teacher seemed to be doing a good work, having successfully introduced, among other things, Singing and Declamatory exercises, which might be profitably imitated in other schools.

The attention of the scholars to their studies, and their deportment with one or two exceptions seemed good.

Owing to a misinformation as to the time of the close of the first term, your committee did not again visit the school until about the commencement of the second term, when they found the same much improved: thus promising to make the term one of much profit to themselves and teacher.

On visiting the school again at its close, your committee found that good progress had been made by most of the scholars, and that the teacher had done her duty, though the result was not so desirable as might have been under other circumstances.

The general deportment of the school was good, and the attendance during the term prompt and very constant in such a degree as to be worthy of imitation elsewhere.

## DISTRICT NO. 12.

SUMMER AND WINTER TERM. Miss Rosetta Wason, Teacher. We found on visiting this school a pleasant and convenient school room ; a small number of industrious, orderly scholars, and a faithful and efficient teacher.

The order was udexceptionable. The instruction, in all branches, was particularly thorough.

This district has set an example by <sup>\*</sup>furnishing a good school room worthy of imitation in other districts.

## GENERAL REMARKS.

Your Committee have deemed it useful and judicious to undertake a change in the reading books heretofore used in our schools. Town's Series of Readers had been so long in use,—had become so familiar to the scholars, and, in most cases so much worn that it was believed a change if only for these reasons, would be beneficial. And when a Series of books better adapted to their design was presented and favorable terms of exchange offered by the Publishers, we could no longer hesitate. A portion of the Schools have been provided with the new books, 'Sargent's Standard Readers' and your committee are well satisfied with the good effects resulting. The other schools were so far advanced as to make it advisable not to interfere with them till another term, at which time we recommend that they also be supplied.

It has been a considerable disadvantage to several of the schools that the committee have been obliged to examine and report them several weeks before the end of their terms. This ought not so to be. The schools should be cominenced, if possible, early enough to enable them to close by the 20th of February, that the committee may have opportunity to see the whole that has been done and make up their report in season for the printer. Besides, judgement upon unfinished work is proverbially deceptive and may be injurious to all concerned.

Another matter to which the committee would invite your attention is the too general custom, here as elsewhere, of sending children who are too young and small to learn anything ; that a teacher of a public school has time to teach them, to the district schools. Your Committee have thought at times that they would be justified by appearances, in thinking that the Prudential Committee had not done their *whole* duty, in providing competent Teachers, and yet neglecting to provide the quite as necessary cradles and baby jumpers. In many cases they would prove efficient, when all efforts without them, are time wasted. It is beyond doubt a fact that babies are sent to school, especially in summer, to get them *out of the way*.

Now if parents do not know what to do with their little responsibilities, individually, how, pray, shall a teacher know what to do with them *collectively*? The nursery and school house are unquestionably grand institutions, each in its place; yet, put together, they almost nullify the good results accruing from each. If the parents would only *think the matter over honestly* they would soon see how directly, through their older children, they are affected by such a practice. The time of a teacher is far too necessary for the benefit of those who have made some progress in their studies, be it more or less, to have it wasted



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in putting the first ideas into the head of childhood—duties which could be far better done by parents, older brothers or sisters. This may seem to some parents unjust and wrong, but let them once fill the post of teacher in certain Districts, or that of the Superintending School Committee, and they will not ask for any further justification of the truth of the above remarks.

We feel it our duty to urge Prudential Committees to be more particular to find out what kind of persons they employ for teachers.—Few situations are so responsible as that of the teacher of children. The grand secret of success in our schools lies with the teacher. He is to the school, what the heart is to the body—sending his animating pulsations through every class and every pupil. If the teacher is a teacher in the true sense of the word, his presence, look or word restrains the wayward, arouses the indolent to activity, and directs the studious.—There are those who sometimes offer themselves for employment as teachers, who possess sufficient literary qualifications to obtain a certificate from the Superintending Committee, but who, on trial, are found to have neither the faculty to govern the young, nor to instruct or discipline their minds.

We sometimes find teachers in our schools who seem to have no fault except that their blood moves too sluggishly through their veins. This is no reproach to them, but teaching is the last employment they should engage in. If there is any thing that will dampen the naturally ardent energies of children, it is the dullness of the teacher who moves about the school-room as though his own locomotion were a burden to him.

The active and ingenious teacher will at once dispel the dull monotony which wearies the youthful mind, and inspire his pupils with enthusiasm, a love for study and progress. But a spiritless teacher will lull or stupify, by a tiresome routine of action, almost any scholar. Money paid for the support of such schools is nearly, if not entirely, lost.—They are the sepulchres of intellect, where talents are buried. Our children might as well be at home, for they learn little else than mischief and laziness. All studies *gone over* this term must be repeated next. Their efforts are like the movements of an insect on the window pane, that buzzes in its little place, but makes no progress onward.—Such teachers may succeed in filling their pockets, for the time, with money, but do nothing towards filling the minds of the young with useful knowledge. And the effect of their whole influence upon the character of their pupils is only to impart a portion of their own sluggish habits.

We wish it might be more generally impressed upon teachers that their business is especially to *develop and strengthen the thinking powers* of their pupils. It will be comparatively of little avail if only facts and rules are learned. It is well, indeed, to know how to “do a sum,” but how much better to understand the principles and the reasons for any operation in numbers? It is well for a scholar to be able to pronounce the words of a reading lesson, and so to “read,” but how much better to be able to give a natural expression to the sentiments it conveys?—And, still more, to be so instructed in all the interesting circumstances of the lesson read, as to get an intelligent understanding of the facts and truths contained in it, and thus, food for thought in future.

It must be obvious to any one, how many new ideas and matters of useful reflection *can* be put into young minds in connection with read-



ing lessons, (taken as such lessons usually are, from the works of the wisest and most accomplished writers,) if only the teachers are competent to the task. The same is true in geography, and indeed, in every branch of study. One teacher will barely ask the questions in the book and expect only the answers to them, and, without a suggestion, send his class away, dull in every mental faculty except the single one of memory, and that, it may be, jaded by its effort. Another teacher will ask a multitude of connected questions not in the book, which wake up the ideas, give the mind a spring, set it at work upon thoughts not dreamed of before. Such a teacher will always interest his scholars because he engages their imaginations and their thinking powers upon new things. Such a teacher will bring out what mind there is in his pupils, and make it increase a thousand fold, while the mere dull and dead routine school-master or schoolmistress will only stifle any innate germs of thought which nature may have given.

Your Committee desire also to submit to the consideration of all concerned, the importance of a *higher moral tone in the character and influence of our schools*. We would not change our Common Schools into Sunday Schools—it is not their proper sphere. Nor would we consent that they should become, in any proper sense of the word, sectarian or denominational; and yet, we insist that they should afford to the forming minds and hearts of the young the precepts and the examples of pure Christian morality.

The School-house is not the Church, but it has always been very near to it in New-England. By the combined influence of both we are what we are. "The Church yonder and the School-house beside it," was General Jackson's well known solution of the enterprise, intelligence and good morals of New England. So say all other sensible observers.

Free thought and freespcech, engendered by a free Bible, in the Church and in the School-house, nurtured and disciplined, in their several spheres, by both, have been the means of our liberties and our life, as a people, hitherto. They must continue to be so as long as we are blessed with either. Not so fervently did Rufus Choate exclaim,—*"Banish the Bible from our public Schools? Never, so long as a piece of Plymouth Rock remains big enough to make a gun-flint of."*

The Bible is in all our Schools. But what is specially needed, is a more reverent regard for its sacred authority, a more particular inculcation of its precepts and living examples of its spirit and works in those who are forming the minds and the characters of the young.

The teacher shares with others a very grave responsibility in this matter, and all interests, public as well as personal, require of him the faithful discharge of the duties which it involves. This whole subject has been considered of such fundamental and vital importance by the inhabitants of this state, from the beginning, that they have incorporated provisions in reference to it in the Constitution and in the laws.—It has also received the earnest attention of the successive Boards of Education in the State, and been made prominent in their reports.—They declare that "The laws of the State as well as the best interest of the community, call loudly on teachers, committee, and all other friends of education, to use their best endeavors to elevate the moral character of our Schools."



# REPORT

OF THE

## SELECTMEN

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

OF THE

## TOWN OF DERRY,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 22,

1858.

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MANCHESTER:  
FROM TISK & GAGE'S STEAM PRINTING ESTABLISHMENT.  
1858.





# SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

## SNOW PATHS.

1857.			
Feb.	26,	To paid John Gregg,	\$9 37
	27,	Samuel Clark 2d	19 34
		E. M. Hilliard,	48 20
March	7,	Silas Proctor,	1 50
		W. N. Wilkinson,	20 18
		Samuel Adams, 2d	22 24
		J. C. Morrison,	18 87
		Hugh Jones,	19 83
		George N. Warner,	24 05
		Alfred Boyd,	16 18
		Matthew Clark,	13 75
		James Rogers,	11 37
		Edmund Hobbs,	2 75
		George Shute,	19 62
	9,	Daniel P Page,	16 49
	10,	Norman Mathews,	11 00
		Joseph Montgomery	15 87
		L. C. Stevens,	6 51
		Robert T. Chase,	8 62
		Isaac Chase	54 19
		R. W. Adams,	10 50
		George A. Goodhue,	6 50
		George W. Greeley,	8 98
	19,	N. H. Brown,	35 83
	27,	Henry D. Carr,	41 60
April	2,	Benjamin Poor,	14 18
May	5,	N. M. Taylor,	25 25
Aug	10,	W. W. Waterman,	18 00

1858			2 00
Sept	3,	P. C. Ingalls,	7 70
	12,	A. McMurphy,	1 25
Dec.	19,	George Moor,	
1858.			2 56
Jan.	30,	Samuel Marshall,	6 95
		Charles C. Johnson,	17 19
		James Reed,	3 50
		John L Fletcher,	
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			\$561 92

## ROADS AND BRIDGES.

1857.			1 72
Feb.	26	To paid John Gregg,	90
May	7	Christopher Chase,	2 50
	10	George A. Goodhue,	
Aug.	27	George W. Pinkerton land dam-	7 00
		age at Depot, 1854,	2 00
Sept.	21	Horace Bond,	13 12
	24	David Stinson,	15 65
	28	Samuel Adams, 2d	
Oct.	3	Samuel Adams, land damage by	30 00
		widening the road,	
1858.			37 88
Jan.	30	Peter J. Horne,	1 80
		Samuel Marshall,	3 00
Feb.	6	Jeremiah Hayes,	5 02
		Samuel F. Taylor,	8 14
		P. C. Ingalls, plank for bridge,	7 20
		Hiram Dorr,	2 25
		George Moor,	50
		Abel Page	
		Eliphalet Sargent, land damage	8 00
		by grading hill, 1855,	10 75
13		N. M. Taylor,	7 00
		N. Warner,	13 66
		S. Smith, plank for bridge,	1 87
		Paul Taylor,	

1858.			
Feb.	13	Hiram Sargent,	2 00
	18	George I. Choate,	3 90
		James C. Taylor,	21 55
	20	Edmund Adams, 3d, plank and labor on bridge,	11 50
		B. Eastman, plank for bridge,	1 37
		Samuel Hatch,	20
		William S. Emery, bill of 1856,	12 50
		J. C. Morrison,	2 50
		Isaac Chase,	8 50
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			\$243 98

### NON-RESIDENT HIGHWAY TAXES.

1857.			
Feb.	26	To paid John Gregg, working out N. R. highway tax on list of 1856,	1 00
March	10	L. C. Stevens, " "	2 41
	19	N. H. Brown, " "	95
		James Reid, " "	2 46
		George Moor, " "	1 14
		John L. Fletcher, " "	2 05
		Geo. A. Goodhue, " "	6 81
1858.			
Jan.	12	Moses Webster, for receipts taken up 1856,	11 18
1857.			
Sept.	21	John W. Bond, receipts taken up	3 70
Oct.	22	Lambert Tuttle,	4 29
Dec.	23	Samuel Clark,	1 79
1858.			
Jan.	30	George W. Head,	2 31
Feb.	6	Samuel F. Taylor,	1 76
		Abel Page,	2 28
	13	D. P. Page,	1 22

1858.			
Feb.	13	Samuel Hatch,	1 39
		Hiram Sargent,	99
	18	George I. Choate,	1 55
	20	Moses Webster, receipts taken up	
		1857,	44 06
		Hiram Dorr,	1 90
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			\$95 24

### ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

1857.			
Feb.	7,	To paid Christopher Chase abatement	
		of tax for 1856,	1 08
March	10,	Benjamin Clendennin,	52
Sept.	17,	Edmund Adams, 2d,	16 29
1858.			
Jan.	12,	Moses Webster, on list of 1856,	35 10
Feb.	19,	Orrin Hall, " 1857,	1 54
	20,	David O. Palmer, " 1856,	
		School House tax of C. F. Carr,	7 00
		Moses Webster, abatement of	
		taxes on list of 1857,	17 84
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			\$79 37

### GRAVE YARD.

1857.			
May	20,	To paid W. B. Wilson for digging graves,	13 75
July	8,	W. B. Wilson " "	8 75
Nov.	30,	W. B. Wilson " "	25 20
1858.			
Feb.	10,	W. B. Wilson " "	11 25
		Leonard Wilson, repairing tools,	2 54
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			\$61 49



## TEACHERS INSTITUTE.

1858.		
Jan. 30,	To paid Hiram Smart Commissioner for Teachers' Institute,	\$22 92

## BOOKS AND STATIONERY.

1857.		
July 4,	To paid W. H. Fisk, Invoice and Sur- veyor's Books,	5 25
Aug. 27,	Goodale & Farnsworth for printing Town Reports,	27 75
1858.		
Feb. 20,	Albin Beard for tax book and bills,	2 63
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		\$35 63

## TRANSIENT POOR.

1857.		
Mar. 7.	To paid Daniel Carr, wood for G. Alex- ander,	4 62
Dec. 9,	Town of Grafton for board, med- ical attendance and clothing J. H. Wallace,	31 38
1858.		
Jan. 30,	W. Leach, supplies furnished to Widow Austin,	5 00
Feb. 13,	N. Brown, 5 eds. wood for G. Alexander,	20 00
18,	John Kelsey for board of Mrs. Caldwell 21 weeks,	10 50
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		\$71 50

## EDUCATION.

1857.	To paid District No. 1 School Money,	224 08
	" 2 "	221 93
	" 3 "	58 41
	" 4 "	118 39
	" 5 "	71 59
	" 6 "	71 00
	" 7 "	43 00
	" 8 "	134 19
	" 9 "	89 86
	" 10 "	35 51
	" 11 "	81 77
	" 12 "	69 56
	" 7 in Chester, the amount of school money due them for year 1856,	8 50
	" 6 school house tax	300 00
	" 12 " " "	50 00
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		\$1577 79

## NOTES PAID.

1857.		649 52
May 22,	To paid Lorenzo Kimball's Note,	200 00
	Joseph Leach's Note,	100 00
	Joseph Leach's Note,	137 00
	Alexis Proctor's Note,	1236 42
Aug. 12,	George Moor's Note,	126 56
	Sarah H. Moor's Note	
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		\$2449 50

## INTEREST PAID.

1857.					
May 22,	To paid Interest,	Lorenzo Kimball,		\$10	07
" "	" "	" Joseph Leach,		45	22
" "	" "	" Alexis Proctor,		12	26
Aug. 12,	" "	" George Moor,		311	09
		Sarah H. Moor,		31	84
Apr. 3,		Benjamin Kimball,		15	00
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					\$426 18

## ALMS HOUSE.

1857.					
June 22,	To paid John Bell, medical attendance	at Alms House, 1856,		\$16	00
1858.					
Jan. 16,	John Humphrey, repair of Alms	House,		75	
	C. C. Parker, supplies,			77	61
30,	Barker & Poor, "			79	84
	Wm. Leach, "			23	24
	J. H. Crombie, medical attend-				
	ance at Alms House, 1857,			16	00
Feb. 6,	Eastman & Quincey, supplies,			107	37
13,	J. T. G. Dinsmoor's bill for grain,			49	58
	Isaac How, supplies,			20	42
	Albert Thompson, blacksmith'g,			6	40
	Leonard Wilson, "			5	52
	Stephen Smith, saw bill,			3	19
18,	L. Harper, supplies,			22	34
19,	S. C. Kimball, to settle bills,			22	00
S. C. Kimball, salary \$250, less					
\$1 74 by balance of Alms House					
acct.,					248 26
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					\$698 52

## INSANE ASYLUM.

1857.

Dec: 3,	To paid Insane Asylum for board of Rosanna Connor,	37 31
	Insane Asylum for board of Sarah Cowdrey,	151 06
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		\$188 37

## TOWN OFFICERS.

1857.

Feb. 26,	To paid Alfred Reynolds services as Treasurer,	20 00
	J. H. Adams, ser. as Auditor,	1 18
	Alfred Boyd, " "	1 18
	H. E. Eastman, " "	1 18
	E. G. Parsons, ser. as Superin- tending School Com.,	24 00
	H. E. Eastman, " "	13 50
Mar. 9,	Israel Herrick ser. as Selectman,	9 10
	F. W. Coffin, " "	10 35
11,	Samuel Clark 2d, " "	9 44

1858.

Jan. 30,	P. B. Stevens, notifying Town Officers,	5 00
Feb. 20,	Edmund Adams ser. as Selectm'n	45 60
	William C. Ela " "	32 75
	N. H. Brown " "	37 94
	Moses Webster " Collector,	73 35
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		\$284 57



## OUTSTANDING ORDERS.

1857.

To paid Outstanding Orders,	568 12
State Tax,	401 10
County Tax,	669 35
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	\$1638 57

## MOSES WEBSTER, COLLECTOR OF TAXES, DR.

1857.

To Balance of Tax List of 1856,	2405 15
Amount of Tax List of 1857,	4889 25
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	\$7294 40

## CR.

By Amount paid on List of 1856,	2405 15
" " " " 1857,	2770 98
Balance on List of 1857 in hands of Collector,	2118 27
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	\$7294 40

## WILLIAM H. ORAM, TREASURER, DR.

1857.

To Balance in Treasury on settlement of former accts.,	684 68
Literary Fund,	200 00
Cash received of Collector on List of '56,	2405 15
" " " " '57,	1700 53

Railroad Tax from State,	177 55
Literary Fund " "	119 00
W. J. Hall's note,	7 67

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\$5294 58

## CR.

By Paid Orders, drawn 1856,	568 12
" " 1857,	4490 87
Alexis Proctor's note,	149 26
William J. Hall's note,	7 67
Loss on exchange of bill,	50
Balance, Cash in Treasury,	78 16

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\$5294 58

## MISCELLANEOUS.

1857.

Mar. 7,	To paid Samuel C. Kimball, expense to Concord of R. Connor,	2 85
9,	Herrick & Montgomery, wood for Parish Hall,	4 50
Oct. 12,	J. L. Fletcher for guide post and setting the same,	1 25
Nov. 4,	Com. to locate school house in Dist. No. 7,	15 00

1858.

Jan. 30,	G. C. Bartlett, legal services for case of G. Bond, 1855,	10 00
	T. Connor, expenses to Insane Asylum with R. Connor, 1856,	6 75
Feb. 6,	E. Coggsell, care of Parish Hall, &c.,	5 66
13,	L. P. Brickett, for enrolling Militia for 1856,	2 25
20,	S. C. Bailey, wood for Parish Hall,	1 25
	N. H. Brown, expense to Portsmouth to adjust pauper claim,	5 00
	Moses Webster, guaranteing Taxes,	15 00
	Samuel Clark, 2d, wood,	4 50

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\$74 01

## DISBURSEMENTS.

To paid snow paths,	\$561 92
Roads and Bridges,	243 98
Non-resident Highway Tax,	95 24
Abatement of Taxes,	79 37
Grave Yard,	61 49
Teachers Institute,	22 92
Books and Stationery,	35 63
Transient Poor,	71 50
Education,	1577 79
Notes paid,	2449 50
Interest paid,	426 18
Alms House,	698 52
Insane Asylum,	188 37
Town Officers,	284 57
Outstanding Orders,	568 12
State Tax,	401 10
County Tax,	669 35
Loss in Treasury by exchange,	50
Balance in Treasury,	78 16
Miscellaneous,	74 01
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	\$8588 22

## RECEIPTS.

1857.

By Cash in Treasury,	684 68
Literary Fund in Treasury,	200 00
Amount received of Collector on tax	
of 1856,	2405 15
do., do., 1857,	2770 98
Railroad Tax from State,	177 55
Literary Fund from State,	119 00
Amount borrowed for use of Town,	1737 29
Outstanding Orders,	493 57
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	\$8588 22

## NOTES PAYABLE.

1853.			
Nov. 1,	Betsy Stinson,	128	26
1855.			
Feb, 22,	George N. Warner,	124	65
	" " "	465	00
	Eleanor Kimball,	147	10
1856.			
Mar. 29,	Samuel C. Kimball,	100	00
April 3,	Benjamin Kimball,	250	00
	7, Moses Webster,	100	00
	14, Nancy J. Wilson,	170	00
Sept. 15,	Lorenzo Kimball,	250	00
	24, Lilly Cochrane,	42	00
1857.			
Feb. 7,	George Moor,	263	06
Aug. 11,	Edmund Adams, 3d,	239	00
	Margaret Adams,	861	00
	Ithamar Hubbard,	100	00
	George Moor,	47	51
	Sarah H. Moor,	458	40
Dec. 9,	N. Brown,	31	38
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			\$3777 46

## INTEREST.

1857.	Interest due on the above Notes.	254	00
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## TOWN OF DERRY,—DR.

1858.			
Feb. 22,	To Notes payable,	\$3777	46
	Interest on above Notes,	254	00
	Outstanding Orders,	493	57
	Insane Asylum,	36	20
	Literary Fund,	200	00
	School District, No. 7,	87	00
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			\$4848 23



## TOWN OF DERRY,—CR.

1858.

Feb. 22,	By Literary Fund	200 00
	Uncollected Taxes,	2118 27
	Amount due from George Warner,	5 17
	“ “ J. Montgomery,	38 75
	“ “ Charles Choate,	5 00
	W. J. Hall's Note,	7 67
	Cash invested in Liquors,	250 00
	Order on County Treasury,	525 92
	Amount due from County,	226 25
	“ “ H D Karr,	5 90
	“ “ Town of Salem	5 00
	“ “ School Dis. No. 6,	17 00
	“ “ “ “ 7,	15 00
	Cash in Treasury,	78 16
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	Balance, amount Town debt,	1350 14
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		\$4848 23

EDMUND ADAMS, 3d,	} <i>Selectmen</i> <i>of</i> <i>Derry.</i>
WILLIAM C. ELA,	
N. H. BROWN,	

We, the undersigned Auditors, having examined the foregoing accounts as presented by the Selectmen, find them correctly cast, and satisfactory vouchers corresponding thereto.

HENRY E. EASTMAN,	} <i>Auditors.</i>
JOSIAH H. ADAMS,	
ALFRED BOYD,	

## REPORT OF LIQUOR AGENCY.

*Submitted by C. C. Parker, Agent.*

DR.

1858.

Feb. 18, To value Liquors, Casks, Measures, &c.	
on hand 1857, Feb. 18,	\$125 00
Cash on hand Feb. 18, 1857,	6 03
Amount of bills of Liquors bought,	325 46
Agent's services,	65 00
Freight and Truckage,	3 25
Balance Cash on hand,	3 00
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	527 74

CR.

By Cash received on sales of liquors and casks,	420 74
Amount of Liquors, Casks, &c., on hand,	107 00
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	\$527 74

INVOICE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT ALMS  
HOUSE, FEB. 20, 1858.

4 oxen,	\$240 00
4 yoang cattle,	85 00
4 calves,	40 00
6 cows,	215 00
2 horses,	125 00
16 sheep,	55 00
7 swine	90 00
Hay,	140 00
Plows, harrow, &c.,	20 00
Ox wagon and cart,	40 00
Sled and wheel barrow,	5 00

Yokes and chains,	12 00
Forks and shovels,	5 00
Winnowing mill and pulleys,	10 00
Harnesses, &c.,	15 00
Sleigh and waggon	30 00
Hay-cutter, Horse-rake, &c.	19 00
Axes, iron-bars, grind-stone, &c.	15 00
Lumber on hand,	30 00
Wood           “	75 00
Potatoes and other roots	80 00
Beef, pork and hams,	58 00
Fish,	6 00
Lard and butter,	9 00
Soap,	10 00
Candles,	4 00
Vinegar,	10 00
Corn, wheat, oats and beans,	57 00
Flour and meal,	9 00
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	\$1509 00

## BALANCE SHEET OF ALMS HOUSE.

	Dr.
To amount of orders on Treasury,	698 52
Bills paid by Superintendent,	197 24
Personal property at alms-house,	
Feb. 18, 1857,	1746,75
Amount due from the County on last	
year's account,	180 87
Amount due from J. Montgomery,	25 00
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	\$2848 35

	Cr.
By amount sold from farm, 1857,	198 98
Personal property at alms house Feb.	
19, 1858,	1509 00

Order on County, for support of paupers,	525 92
Amount due from County, do., do.,	226 25
“ “ J. Montgomery,	38 75
“ “ Charles Choate	5 00
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	2503 90
Balance, actual expense of alms-house,	344 48
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	\$2848 38

In compliance with a vote of the town, we hereby respectfully submit our report of the financial affairs of the town for the past year.

At the closing of the accounts last year the balance against the town was \$1980,95, to which must be added the unsettled claims for snow paths, of \$524,90 amounting to \$2505,85—town debt at that time.

At the present time the unsettled claims are nearly equal to those of last year, excepting snow paths.

The balance now against the town is \$1350,14, consequently the liabilities of the town have reduced the past year, \$1155,71.

The actual expense of the Alms House as shown by the balance sheet has been over \$300,00.

This increase of expense has been caused by having to provide for a greater number of paupers, by the difficulty of obtaining remunerative employment for labor not needed on the farm, and by the depreciation in value (rather than in amount) of personal property at the farm.

Respectfully submitted,

EDMUND ADAMS, 3d,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
WILLIAM C. ELA,	
NATHANIEL H. BROWN,	

*of Derry.*



# REPORT

## OF THE

### SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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#### DISTRICT NO. 1.

Prudential Committee, .....	David Stinson.
Summer Term,.....	Miss E. A. Marshall, Teacher.
Length of School,.....	..16 weeks.
Whole No. of Scholars,.....	39
Average Attendance,.....	32
Not absent,.....	4
Not Tardy,.....	21
Neither absent or tardy, 3, Mary E. Everett, Annette Stevens and Laura H. Stinson.	

The management of the school was gentle and persuasive. The kindly deportment of the teacher succeeded in winning the confidence of her pupils. It was also sufficient to secure good order and attention to studies. At the examination the recitations in most of the classes were unusually prompt and accurate, evincing a degree of carefulness and thoroughness in the instruction in these branches, not so fully apparent in the reading.

Winter Term,.....	Andrew J. Marshall, Teacher.
Length of School,.....	12 weeks.
Whole No. of Scholars,.....	53
Average Attendance,.....	45
Not Absent,.....	23
Not Tardy,.....	24

Neither Absent or Tardy 7, Mary E. Alexander, Julia W. Eastman, Martha A. Everett, Mary E. Everett, Laura H. Stinson, George Carr, W. Bentley Varnum.

The several classes in reading showed the thorough training they had received in the elementary principles of this important branch of school education. Many bad faults observed at the first visit, were found at the second examination to have been, at least for the present, laid aside. Much and successful attention had been given to distinct and exact pronunciation. The class in the 4th Reader seemed to have been drilled especially in emphasis and with much benefit. Other branches of study received appropriate attention, and the classes examined gave prompt and accurate answers generally, to the inquiries made.

Mr. Marshall has not the ambition, as a teacher, to "*skin*" over a great territory, but rather to cultivate thoroughly a more limited field, and in this way prepare some portion of ground for permanent productiveness in future. This may cost more and show less, but it is undoubtedly the true theory of teaching, as it is of farming.

#### DISTRICT NO. 2.

Prudential Committee,.....	John Porter.
Summer Term,.....	Miss Hannah S. Howe, Teacher.
Length of School, .....	16 weeks.
Whole No. of Scholars,.....	46
Average Attendance,.....	32
Not Absent,.....	0
Not Tardy,.....	2
Neither Absent or Tardy,.....	0

From the teacher's report it appears that many of the scholars were disposed to do as they pleased, rather than as they ought. More than one third of the whole number were absent, on an average, all the time, and nine hundred and ninety instances of tardiness are on the record. It should be observed, however, in reference to this, that Miss Howe marked for tardiness and absence every *half* day as required by her Register, which very few other teachers did. But, notwithstanding the unpromising delinquency in attendance, the end of the sixteen weeks found the various classes in the school considerably advanced, not only as to the ground gone over, but as to knowledge of the subjects attended to. This was particularly observable in the classes in Reading and those in Arithmetic.

Winter Term,.....	Benj. Warner, Teacher.
Length of School,.....	12 1-5 weeks.
Whole No. of Scholars,.....	64
Average Attendance,.....	60

Not Absent,.....25

Not Tardy,.....26

Neither Absent or Tardy, 25, Charles Barrett, Augustus Barrett, Frank Barrett, Henry Barrett, George Barrett, Clarence Barber, Elbridge Clark, Warren Coffin, Judson Kempton, Charles Kimball, Decatur McCarter, George Merrill, George Reed, Henry Storer, Washington Gregg, John Mahaffey, Alice Cate, Elizaette Cate, Hattie Coffin, Hattie Dinsmore, Sarah Nichols, Hattie Barber, Mary Barber, Martha J. Storer, Lucy J. Clark.

This school was characterized by great interest and devotion to their work, as might be inferred from the record of attendance. The examination at the close of the term was one of unusual interest, and attracted a house full of the people of the District, and scholars from other schools.

In Reading, the lower classes were somewhat hurried and careless in their manner—perhaps under the exhilaration of the circumstances—and did not appear to advantage. The class in the 4th Reader were more happy ; were fluent, yet careful ; correct and expressive in appropriate modulation and emphasis. The classes generally were very familiar with the books which they had studied. Those in Arithmetic were very prompt and correct in their recitations, and the class in Greenleaf, in particular, were remarkable for their intelligence and accuracy in the explanation of the *principles* of Arithmetic as well as in the solution of examples. Extra time has been given in the evenings, at the school house, to the study, principally, of Arithmetic.

Mr. Warner is not afraid of thorough culture, though it require time, perseverance and hard work. “WHY?” which guarded the entrance to his humble temple of science seems to have been the master key which unlocked to the inquisitive minds of his pupils many a precious truth. Three fourths of the scholars have the mark of their teachers approbation for “moral deportment” and more than half of them the same for “habits of study.”

### DISTRICT NO. 3.

Prudential Committee.....John Folsom.

MISS J. C. MAHAFFY, Teacher.

#### SUMMER TERM.

Length of School.....10 weeks.

Whole No. of Scholars.....34

Average attendance.....26

Not absent 6 ; Not tardy.....11

Neither absent or tardy 5 : Josephine Bradford, Abbie W. Murphy, Augusta W. Kenney, James McGregor, Frank McGregor.

## AUTUMN TERM.

Length of School.....	12 weeks.
Whole No. of Scholars.....	33
Average attendance.....	23.
Not absent 2, Not tardy.....	13.

Neither absent or tardy, 2; Isaac McGregor, Frank McGregor.

In both terms the School was quiet and orderly, out of doors as well as in the School room. The instruction given was intelligent and according to improved methods. This was particularly observable in Arithmetic. The reading in Sargent's 4th Book, was exact in pronunciation, and correct in modulation. And the final examinations of both terms evinced decided progress and improvement in the different branches taught.

Twenty scholars have the mark of approved moral deportment.

## DISTRICT NO. 4.

Prudential Committee.....	John B. Taylor.
SUMMER TERM.....	Miss. E. B. Coolidge, Teacher.
Length of School.....	10 weeks.
Whole No. of Scholars.....	41
Average attendance.....	37
Not absent.....	5
Not tardy.....	38

Neither absent or tardy 3: Maria Boynton, Martha D. Taylor, Helen L. Taylor, Harry H. Taylor, De Witt Bodwell.

At the first visit, leaving out of sight a very un-neat School room, some of the appearances gave hopeful indications of a successful School, and in the department of Reading, the result justified reasonable expectations. Considerable improvement was manifest in distinct articulation, and correct pronunciation, and in the proper modulation of voice. But the classes in the other branches, except, perhaps, those in Colburn's Arithmetic and in Intermediate Geography were hardly up to the average at the end of a ten weeks' School.

Winter Term.....	Alexis Proctor Teacher.
Length of School .....	8 weeks.
Whole No. of Scholars.....	50
Average attendance .....	47½
Not absent.....	28
Not tardy.....	24

Neither absent or tardy 6: Samuel Wilson, Isaac N. Wilson, Stark H. Davis, Frank A. Taylor Harry H. Taylor and Helen L. Taylor.



Mr. Proctor entered upon his duties with characteristic zeal and at once had the whole school in hearty sympathy with him. "Every scholar seemed determined to do his best." Some undesirable habits, such as *noisy* studying, were laid aside, it is hoped, abandoned. A high degree of regular and punctual attendance was secured. Every scholar has the mark of the teacher's approbation for moral deportment and habits of study. Undoubtedly, the final examination would have given ample proofs of the interest and industry which prevailed in good progress and improvement in the different studies, but a sad bereavement of the teacher cut short the term unexpectedly, and no examination was had.

## DISTRICT NO. 5.

Prudential Committee.....John Lowe

MISS. CAROLINE BOYNTON.....Teacher.

## SUMMER TERM.

Length of School... ..10 weeks.

Whole No. of scholars.....30

Average Attendance.....29

Not absent.....5

Not tardy.....28

Neither absent or tardy, 5: Sarah Wilson, Lizzie Wilson, Elizabeth Johnson, Aaron Wilson, and James Wilson.

## AUTUMN TERM.

Length of School..... 8 weeks.

Whole No. of Scholars.....23

Average Attendance.....18

Not absent.....0

Not tardy.....19

Neither absent or tardy.....0

In the Summer, at the first visit, the School was orderly. At the second visit the School room was very neat; laudable effort had been made to add by art, to its natural beauties. The scholars evinced considerable improvement in reading, and in the other branches, appeared well, generally.

The School in Autumn, at the first visit was noisy and disorderly, and had not improved at the second visit. The first class in Adams' Arithmetic could solve the examples, but explain nothing. The first class in Grammar had learned considerably.

The moral deportment of most of the scholars in Summer received the approval of their teacher, but few of them in Autumn received this honorable distinction.

The Autumn Term can hardly be considered successful.

That new School House is still one of the things *to be*—how long?

## DISTRICT NO. 6.

Prudential Committee..... George W. Eastman.  
Miss. LUELLA GRIFFIN.....Teacher.

## SUMMER TERM.

Length of School.....10 weeks.  
Whole No. of Scholars.....12  
Average Attendance.....9½  
Not Absent.....0  
Not tardy.....5  
Neither absent or tardy.....0

## AUTUMN TERM.

Length of School.....8 weeks.  
Length of School.....8 weeks.  
Whole No. of Scholars.....13  
Average Attendance.....10  
Not absent.....2  
Not tardy.....3  
Neither absent or tardy 2; Emily E. Warner and H. C. Clark.

This District have furnished themselves with a new and convenient School House, and the Scholars must enjoy much its comforts and advantages. And the people of the District must feel amply repaid for the money and labor expended by the mere looks of so nice a School House in their neighborhood, aside from the substantial benefits which it will in many ways afford them and their children.

Miss Griffin had charge of both terms of the school, but was obliged from illness in the latter part of the Autumn term to supply her place by a friend, Miss Julia A. Colby. At the final examination the classes in Arithmetic, Analysis and Geography, answered well the questions put to them. The reading was to a considerable extent hurried and careless, and of course incorrect, qualities which evince a deficient instruction and example heretofore in this important branch.

Approval of moral deportment in about the same number as the average attendance.

## DISTRICT NO. 7.

Prudential Committee.....Daniel Day.  
SUMMER TERM.....Miss ABBY F. KIMBALL, Teacher.

Length of School.....12 weeks  
Whole No. of Scholars.....32  
Average attendance.....29  
Not absent.....9  
Not tardy.....27  
Neither absent or tardy 9; Mary J. Page, Rosanna H. Bear

Almira Evans, Lizzie A. Hayes, Anna J. Dean, Fidelia Hayes, Harry Herrick, Lucien Page, Jesse Drew.

Miss Kimball appeared to have labored faithfully, and not without success. She effected considerable change for the better in reading, and the several classes in the other branches taught showed at the examination that they had endeavored to a considerable extent to improve their time. Nineteen are approved for moral deportment. After the close of the Summer Term the School House was burnt and the scholars went to other districts for their Winter School. Preparations are making to build a new House. It is presumed that this District also will hereafter share with several others the honor and advantage of a new and tasteful School House, with modern improvements and conveniences.

#### DISTRICT NO. 8.

Prudential Committee.....Charles Hills.

SUMMER TERM Miss M. F. Woodward, Teacher.

Length of School.....11½

Whole No. of Scholars.....47

Average attendance.....38

Not absent.....2

Not tardy.....20

Neither absent or tardy 2: Sarah A. Greeley, James F. McMurphy.

This District always has good schools, and the scholars ought therefore, to be unusually advanced and proficient in their studies. Compared with many of the Districts this is the case. And yet, the schools from term to term show, (what most other schools do also) how easy it is for children to forget what they had, as was supposed, pretty thoroughly learned.

The Summer School was a very successful work on the part of both teacher and scholars; giving evidence not only of intelligence, interest and fidelity to duty during that term, but also of previous advantages, the good effects of which had by no means died out. These remarks will apply to all the exercises of the examination, and with emphasis to those in the department of reading.

WINTER TERM. George I. Choate, Teacher.

Length of School.....8 weeks.

Whole No. of scholars.....49

Average attendance.....47½

Not absent.....46

Not tardy.....20

Neither absent or tardy 15: Hannah J. Greeley Emma L. Jenness, Joseph Arnold, Joseph A. Bailey, William G. Baker, Orrin Ba-

ker, Samuel P. Clark, Frank A. Dickey, Myron P. Dickey, Samuel D. Jenness, Gilman D. Jenness, Charles B. Goss.

In the Winter School the reading was marred by some carelessness of a few of the scholars, in pronunciation, and also in respect to proper modulation and expression. There was also marked deficiency in spelling in a portion of the School. But the recitations in the other branches were for the most part very accurate and thorough, showing interested and faithful attention to these studies. The heavy ordnance, Adams' and Greenleaf's Arithmetic's were reserved for the last part of the afternoon, the sundown guns—but the day was so far spent that this important arm of the service had to be dismissed without the privilege even of a review. They would doubtless have done credit to themselves if they had had the opportunity.

#### DISTRICT NO. 9.

Prudential Committee, . . . . . George F. Adams.

##### SUMMER TERM,

Miss Lucinda J. Gregg, Teacher.

Length of School, . . . . . 9 weeks.  
 Whole No. of Scholars, . . . . . 31.  
 Average Attendance, . . . . . 27.  
 Not absent, . . . . . 8.  
 Not tardy, . . . . . 12.  
 Neither absent or tardy, 2: Chas. E. Shute, Wm. Bly.

##### WINTER TERM.

Miss Fannie E. Parker, Teacher.

Length of School, . . . . . 9 weeks.  
 Whole No. of Scholars, . . . . . 45.  
 Average Attendance, . . . . . 35.  
 Not absent, . . . . . 9.  
 Not tardy, . . . . . 32.

Neither absent or tardy, 8: Helen S. Adams, Lucy E. Adams, Lydia Mills, George A. Webster, Robert Alexander, Harvey Alexander, Sullivan E. Kimball, Charles E. Shute.

The scholars in this District had good opportunities, both in Summer and Winter, and they derived benefit from them. The Teachers appeared devoted to their work. The order was good, except at the beginning of the Winter school. Some deficiency of voice was noticed in Summer, and some improprieties in pronunciation in the Winter.

The advance in the various studies and the familiarity with the portions of the books gone over during the terms, as evinced at the examinations, were creditable. The classes in arithmetic especially appeared to have been well instructed in the principles as well as the rules. The



classes in geography should also be spoken of with special commendation. The answers, generally, to questions in examination were prompt and accurate. The exercises were varied with singing and declamation, and in Winter the room was made pleasant by a wreath of evergreen around it.

### DISTRICT NO. 10.

Prudential Committee,.....-.....Robert Adams.

Miss Orpah Clark, Teacher.

Length of School,.....10 weeks.

Whole No. Scholars,.....17.

Average attendance,.....14.

Not absent,.....3.

Not tardy,.....3.

Neither absent or tardy, 3: Sarah Hatch, Mary E. Clark, and Joseph Richardson.

This District needs a pleasant school house, with an airy room, convenient seats, &c. If the present place is retained another school should not be held in it without the windows being fixed so as to be let down for ventilation. It cannot be conducive to health to confine fifteen or twenty persons day after day for weeks in a low room and in hot air which unchanged, soon becomes putrid from breathing and bodily exhalations. A little expense now may save a deal of suffering and money hereafter.

Circumstances prevented the second visitation of this school. It is, however, represented to have proceeded pleasantly and satisfactorily to all concerned. The teacher reports, "the moral and mental habits of the scholars was very good."

### DISTRICT NO. 11.

Prudential Committee,.....Tappan R. Robie.

SUMMER TERM.

Miss A. D. Gregg, Teacher.

Length of School,.....8 weeks.

Whole No. of Scholars,.....28.

Average attendance,.....23.

Not absent,.....2.

Not tardy,.....0.

Neither absent or tardy, 1: Frank Lincoln.

AUTUMN TERM.

Length of School,.....11 weeks.

Whole No. of Scholars,.....28.

Average attendance,.....22.

Not absent,.....0.

Not tardy,.....5.

Neither absent or tardy,.....0.

The room in which this school was taught is reported sufficiently ventilated in many ways. Ventilation is doubtless good, but there are other things desirable in a school room, especially in cold weather. The second term was considerably interrupted by whooping cough.

The final examination at the close of the second term was very satisfactory—the scholars having made marked improvement in several important qualities of good reading, such as, correct and distinct pronunciation, and expressive modulation of the voice. The classes in arithmetic and geography were also worthy of favorable mention. We had some noticeable efforts at juvenile oratory. The children, mostly young, appeared neat, orderly and capable of learning. There are some intimations of a “model” school house in this district, when the right time comes.

#### DISTRICT NO. 12.

Prudential Committee,.....John Moore.

Rosetta Wason, Teacher.

Whole No. of Scholars,.....14.

Average attendance,.....11.

Not absent,.....0.

Not tardy,... ..0.

Neither absent or tardy,.....0.

Here is also a new, pleasant and convenient school house, a small but well disposed school, and a teacher who has given so good satisfaction in the same place before, that her services were in demand again. The scholars seem not to have been as regular and punctual in attendance as in most other districts. The examination showed that a good degree of attention had been given to the different branches taught. Much of the reading was appropriate. The classes in Colburn's & Holbrook's Arithmetics were very prompt and correct. Those in Adams's and Greenleaf's Arithmetics could recite the rules well, but were not sufficiently practiced in *explaining* their examples.

## GENERAL REMARKS.

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### SCHOOL HOUSES.

One ancient edifice—that in No. 7—has come to a violent, if not untimely end during the year. Peace to its ashes. A new and, doubtless, improved one will soon more than supply its place. New School Houses have been built in Nos. 6 and 12—pleasant, roomy, and adapted to their design. The town is fast taking rank with the more public spirited in this respect, and will before long, it is hoped, look upon a neat, convenient and comfortable—if not in all cases, in the highest sense, superior School House, attachments and grounds in every district. There is no surer mark of enterprise, thrift and intelligence in a community than tasteful and comfortable school houses, with suitable conveniences in and out of doors—and any community singularly mistakes its own interests as well as culpably neglects those of its children when it allows disagreement as to situation or parsimonious considerations to prevent timely and liberal provision for them. And the remark will apply undoubtedly to towns as well as to districts. Who wants to settle in a town full of tumble down school houses—which is narrow in its notions of popular education and niggardly in providing for it? No one but people of the same kidney. And as changes are made it will be just this kind of people that a parsimonious suicidal policy will be continually bringing in to a town. On the other hand, one of the first questions, perhaps the very first, that a high-minded and intelligent man, who is seeking a new home, will ask, is this—Have you good schools? and very likely some neighbor Bricket in showing him round will make it convenient to pass the finest looking school house he can. With everything right in school facilities—and in those for meeting also, which are sure to be connected with them)—a town will, as a general thing, be likely to lose nothing, but on the other hand, to better itself continually by the changes made. And the property holders who are often inclined to object most to expenditures in this direction are the men to be the most benefitted in their pecuniary interest and are the last who should object. I submit to the consideration of every property holder in the town whether school houses and schools of the

first order, such as they are in some favored portions of the country would not soon raise the value of real estate in the town to a figure far above the increased expenditure requisite to make them so—and this in addition to other various and invaluable advantages, but which cannot be estimated in money.

### INTEREST OF THE PEOPLE OF THE DISTRICTS IN THEIR SCHOOLS.

Several of our School Districts have for years manifested a lively interest in the character and progress of their schools. They have therefore been careful, generally, in the selection of their teachers—have furnished convenient and comfortable school houses, and supplied the school rooms with a valuable portion of many of the important facilities, such as maps, books of reference, &c., now provided for schools in the more enlightened parts of the country. Webster's Large Dictionary and a series of mural maps, are furnished in Nos. 1, 2, 8 and 9, and the maps only in Nos. 4 and 7, and a library of 20 volumes in No. 5. It is the matured judgment of the best friends of popular education everywhere, and the experience of our teachers and school committees corroborate it, that aids of this kind are far more valuable to learners than the small sums of money which they cost. It is therefore a misjudged economy that withholds them from the schools to which they are not furnished. This might even be increased to some extent in all the schools with decided advantage—the providing, at least, of globes and blocks for the illustration of arithmetic and a limited supply of philosophical apparatus. It is generally found that the people who manifest most interest in their schools in other ways, show it also by frequent calls at the school room to observe the condition of the school and encourage by their sympathy and appreciation, the teachers and scholars. Especially at examinations—they often crowd the school room and give great animation and interest to the occasion. Scholars are thus led to place a higher value upon their school privileges, and become more ambitious to prove their own appreciation and faithful use of what their seniors in the community and their own best friends especially so greatly praise. Several of the examinations this winter have had the interesting spectacle of whole schools from neighboring Districts coming with their teachers to witness the interesting exercises. This is undoubtedly the right spirit. Let it be increased and extended and there will not be reason long for complaint respecting the character of common schools.



## ATTENDANCE.

Several years since the attendance upon our schools was irregular—only about two thirds of the whole being the average constantly present. And perhaps a still greater want of punctuality in attending promptly at the hour. With a view to remedy this, as far as might be, the plan was adopted to make honorable mention in the annual report of the Superintending School Committee, of those scholars who had not been either absent or tardy in a single instance. The result, especially the present year, is very gratifying. In the winter schools of Nos. 2, 4 and 8, nearly the whole body of the scholars were constant in attendance, and in all the schools 138 are reported not absent, 227 not tardy and 81 neither absent or tardy, while the average attendance has been in Summer 317 from a whole No. 371 and in winter 309 from a whole No. 358—making the aggregate average for the year 616, from the whole No. of scholars 729. This is obviously progress in the right direction.

## REGISTERS.

These are provided by the State. They are required by law to be kept carefully and accurately—*every* question to be faithfully and distinctly answered and the registers to be returned to the Superintending School Committee by the teacher at the close of school *before* the teacher can be lawfully paid for services.

A few of the teachers have been grossly negligent both as to fullness and accuracy. For example, in the report of one of the summer schools, the No. of days attendance seems to have been put down at hazard without any attempt at correctness. Almost all the teachers this year have overlooked a new provision, requiring the absence and tardiness to be marked and reported for each *half day* of the school—only three of the registers are correct in this particular, and they of course as that for the summer in No. 2, give a disproportionate number of instances of tardiness. Careful attention should be given this point in future.

It may be deemed useful for the School Committee to embody in their report in future years a tabular digest of all the Registers, so that the town can see at one view the relative standing of the schools and districts.

The Text Books recommended for use in our Schools are—

IN READING.—The Bible, Sargent's Standard Readers.

SPELLING.—Sargent's Standard Speller.

PENMANSHIP.—The Lowell Writing Books.

ARITHMETIC.—Emerson, Holbrook, Colburn's First Lessons, Adams' Improved and Greenleaf's National.

GRAMMAR.—Towers Elements, Quackenbos' English Composition, Weld's Grammar, and Green's Analysis.

GEOGRAPHY.—Cornell's Series, Colton & Fitch's Physical Geography. Bliss's Outline Maps.

HISTORY.—Goodrich's History United States.

PHYSIOLOGY.—Cutler's Physiology.

DICTIONARY.—Webster's.

Respectfully Submitted

E. G. PARSONS,

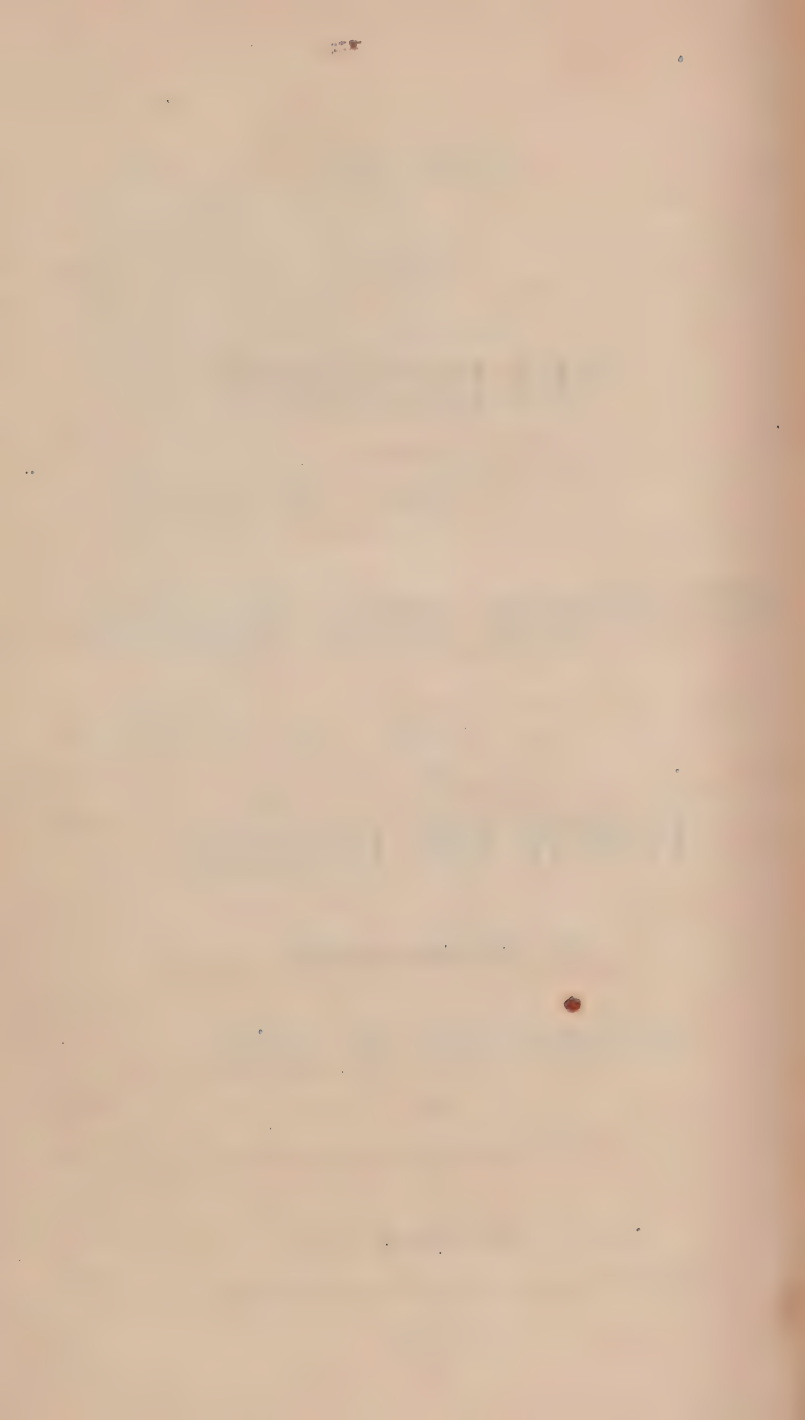
*Superintending School Committee.*

Derry, March 2, 1858.

REPORT  
OF THE  
SELECTMEN  
AND  
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,  
OF THE  
TOWN OF DERRY.  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING  
FEBRUARY 22, 1859.

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## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

### SNOW PATHS.

1856.			
March 14,	To paid John M. Thissell.....	1	21
April 3,	James Read.....	4	00
1858.			
March.	Samuel Clark 2d.....	1	25
	Hiram Dorr.....	1	44
	Nath'l Messer.....	2	58
May 3,	Alfred Reynolds.....	1	25
			\$11 73

### NON-RESIDENT HIGHWAY TAXES.

1857.			
	To pd non-resident highway taxes, as per receipts examined by the auditors.....	20	17
1858.			
	To pd non resident highway taxes, as per receipts,	8	95
	Moses Webster non-resident tax receipts, of 1857, taken up.....	10	79
	1858, do do.....	37	09
			\$77 00

## ROADS AND BRIDGES.

1858.				
Feb.	23	To pd Benj. F. Gregg,.....	6 83	
March	25	George Moor.....	1 25	
April	26	Joseph Gregg land damages for widening road.....	15 00	
May	6	Horace Tilton.....	1 59	
		Jonathan Tilton.....	84	
	12	Stephen Reynolds..	4 00	
	15	Benjamin Barker.....	2 50	
		James Read, plank for bridges.....	16 90	
Aug.		Samuel Clark, 2d.....	1 75	
Sept.	17	Alonzo J. Hall.....	8 08	
		John Parker, repairing fordway road and bridge.....	53 64	
	25	Benjamin Barker, bank wall on Beaver Brook, near Dr. Crombie's.....	60 00	
Dec.	1	Charles P. Emery.....	40 00	
Sept.		Frederick W. Coffin.....	2 40	
Nov.	14	Peter J. Horne.....	12 44	
	17	Samuel C. Bailey.....	4 00	
Dec.	3	Geo. McKenny.....	2 50	
1859.				
Jan.	6	John Parker.....	4 00	
Feb.	17	Samuel A. Clough,.....	50	
				\$238 22

## ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

1857.		To pd Wm. Ela poll tax.....	1 54	
1858.				
Feb.	12	John S. Couch.....	64	
March	6	Charles F. Robie.....	3 10	
		Jeannette Humphrey.....	1 69	
Aug.	26	George N. Warner.....	3 74	
	11	Edmund Adams, 2d.....	4 04	
1859.				
Jan.	20	Moses Webster, list of 1857.....	47 46	
Feb.	21	" " " 1858.....	24 43	
		" " school house tax in No. 5	157 18	
				\$243 82

## GRAVE YARD.

1858.			
Aug.	12	To pd Wm. B. Wilson, digging graves,.....	12 50
Oct.	2	Leonard Wilson, repairing tools.....	2 00
1859.			
Feb.	16	P. B. Stevens, digging graves,.....	18 75
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			\$33 25

## TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

1858.			
Oct.	4	To pd Hiram Smart, commissioner for Teacher's Institute,.....	\$ 22 92

## BOOKS AND STATIONERY.

1858.			
March		To pd Fisk and Gage, town accounts 1857.....	27 50
		“ “ tax and highway survey- or's book.....	4 50
May	27	Fisk & Stearns, tax bills 1858.....	2 00
Dec.	29	Eastman & Quincy, stationery, &c.....	1 47
1859.			
Feb.	21	Eastman Brothers “ .....	2 44
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			\$37 91

## TRANSIENT POOR.

1858.			
Feb.	25	To pd B. F. Gregg, board of Mrs. Caldwell,....	28 00
April		City of Manchester for supplies for family of J. E. Wallace,.....	6 75
Sept.	2	Charles C. Parker, supplies for Mrs. James Kelly.....	8 38

	Abigail Hall, care of Mrs. Kelly.....	9 00
Nov. 15	Samuel Clark, wood for Geo. Alexander...	23 00
26	Samuel Adams, 2d, board of Frank Denny	37 08
Dec. 15	Town of Londonderry, funeral expenses of Loami King,.....	6 29
	supplies for family of L. King.....	6 34
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		\$124 84

## EDUCATION.

1858.

To paid School District No. 1,	school money,.....	235 59
"	" 2, " .....	226 29
"	" 3, " .....	62 55
"	" 4, " .....	120 35
"	" 5, " .....	73 10
"	" 6, " .....	66 41
"	" 7, " .....	135 51
"	" 8, " .....	127 90
"	" 9, " .....	90 19
"	" 10, " .....	32 55
"	" 11, " .....	73 22
"	" 12, " .....	67 66
"	" 7, for 1857.....	87 00
"	" 7, Chester, 1857,.....	7 00
"	" 7, " 1858,.....	7 12
"	" 7, school house tax.....	48 91
"	" 7 school house tax.....	520 00
"	" 9 " " .....	40 00
"	" 6 " " .....	30 00
"	" 2 " " .....	40 00
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		\$2091 35

## NOTES PAID.

1855.

Feb. 22	Eleanor Kimball.....	147 10
1856.		
March 29	Samuel C. Kimball.....	100 00
April 14	Nancy J. Wilson.....	170 00



1857.		
Aug. 11	Edmund Adams 3d.....	239 00
Dec. 9	Nath'l Brown. ....	31 38
1858.		
March 17	Lorenzo Kimball, in part.....	100 00
Oct. 25	Benjamin Kimball " .....	50 00
		<hr/> \$837 48

## INTEREST PAID.

1858.		
March 29	Eleanor Kimball.....	24 06
	Samuel C. Kimball.....	10 40
April 14	Nancy J. Wilson.....	24 62
March 13	Nath'l Brown.....	50
31	Edmund Adams 3d.....	9 08
April 3	Benjamin Kimball.....	15 00
1858.		
Oct. 2	Derry Bank.....	8 25
		<hr/> \$91 91

## ALMS HOUSE.

1857.		
April 10	To pd B. F. Gregg, collins.....	4 75
1858.		
Dec. 29	Eastman & Quincy, supplies.....	62 28
1859.		
Jan. 24	Albert Thompson, blacksmith work.....	15 61
	Wm. C. Palmer, mason work.....	3 50
	Barker & Poor, supplies.....	57 15
Feb. 5	Wm. Leach " .....	46 60
	Charles C. Parker " .....	54 54
	Eastman Brothers " .....	8 51
	Jas. H. Crombie, medical attendance.....	16 00
2	J. T. G. Dinsmore, meal and shingles.....	17 03
17	Benjamin Merrill, salary.....	300 00
	John Parker, school house tax.....	3 00
21	Isaac Howe, shoes, &c.....	6 35
		<hr/> \$595 32

## N. H. INSANE ASYLUM.

1858.

To pd N. H. Asylum, board of Sarah Coudry, 1857....	36 20
"                    "                    "                    1858....	146 60
John W. Bond   "                    "                    1858....	79 25
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	\$262 11

## TOWN OFFICERS.

1858.

Feb. 22	To pd Wm. H. Oram, Treasurer.....	20 60
	Ed. Adams, 3d, Selectman for 1857.....	9 24
26	Alfred Boyd, Auditor,.....	1 18
	Henry E. Eastman do .....	1 18
	Josiah H. Adams do .....	1 18
March 1	Alexis Procter, Sup. School Com., 1856	15 00
8	E. G. Parsons                      "                    1857	45 68
13	Nathaniel Brown, Selectman 1857.....	3 92

1859.

Jan. 24	Ira W. Ring, Constable.....	5 00
Feb. 21	William C. Ela, Selectman.....	38 10
	John Folsom                      "                    .....	37 62
	Henry E. Eastman   "                    .....	48 65
	Moses Webster, collector.....	67 00
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		\$298 75

## OUTSTANDING ORDERS.

1858.

To pd outstanding orders for 1757. ....	493 57
State Tax... ..	401 10
County Tax. ....	1004 03
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	\$1898 70

MOSES WEBSTER, Collector of Taxes, Dr.

1858.

To Balance of tax list of 1857.....	2118 27
Amount                      "                    1858.....	5360 62
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	\$7478 89

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1858.

By amount paid on list of 1857.....	2118 27
"                    "      1858.....	3260 62
Balance of list 1858 in hands of collector.....	2100 00
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	\$7478 89

WILLIAM H. ORAM, Treasurer,

Dr.

1858.

To balance in Treasury 1857.....	78 16
cash received of collector, list of 1857.....	2118 27
"                    "          1858.....	1855 49
Rail road tax from state.....	175 41
County tax for 1857.....	525 92
"                    1858.....	527 60
literary fund for state.....	142 52
Derry Bank, borrowed money,.....	500 00
Bill against Jos. Montgomery.....	38 75
Wm. J. Hall's note.....	7 67
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	\$5969 79

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1858.

By outstanding orders, 1857.....	493 57
orders paid 1858.....	4894 67
allowance of J. Montgomery's bill .....	6 00
cash to settle the same.....	32 75
Wm. J. Hall's note.....	7 67
Cash in Treasury.....	535 13
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	\$5969 79

## MISCELLANEOUS.

1858.

March

1859.

6 To paid G. C. Bartlett legal services, 1857.....	8 00
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Feb.	21	"	"	1853.....	12 00
1858.					
June	11	Joseph Green, lightning rods on alms house			33 49
Dec.	9	Wm. Anderson, surveying town lines.....			1 25
	13	D. H. Pinkerton, highway survey.....			2 00
	18	H. E. Eastman, pauper expenses to North- field, Amoskeag, &c.....			7 80
	20	Eastman & Quincy, paints for, and painting of graveyard gates....			5 56
		Eastman & Quincy for school house furni- ture, &c. No. 7.....			23 51
1859.					
July	20	Moses Webster, for guaranteeing outstand- ing taxes, 1857.....			15 00
Feb.	5	Ebenezer Cogswell for taking care of Par- ish Hall, &c.....			7 07
	17	Jeremiah Hayes, for damages to his horse, David C. Palmer for Black Board for No. 7. Wm. C. Ela, wood for Parish Hall.....			6 00 1 50 2 25
					<hr/> \$130 43

## DISBURSEMENTS.

1858.

To paid snow paths.....	11 73
non-resident highway taxes.....	77 00
Roads and bridges.....	238 23
Abatement of taxes.....	243 82
Grave-yard.....	33 25
Teacher's Institute.....	22 92
Books and Stationery.....	37 91
Transient Poor.....	124 84
Education .....	2091 35
Notes paid.....	837 48
Interest paid.....	91 91
Alms-house.....	535 32
Insane Asylum.....	262 11
Town Officers,.....	298 75



Outstanding Orders,...	493	57
State Tax.....	401	00
County Tax .....	1004	03
Miscellaneous.....	130	43
Cash in Treasury.....	585	13
	<u>\$7530</u>	87

## RECEIPTS.

1853	Cash in Treasury 1857. ....	78	16
"	Received of collector on list of 1857.....	2118	27
"	" " " 1858.....	3260	62
"	Rail Road tax for State.....	175	41
"	Literary Fund.....	142	52
"	Amount borrowed for use of town.....	400	00
"	Outstanding Orders.....	302	37
"	County Tax 1857 and 1858.....	1053	52
		<u>\$7530</u>	87

## NOTES PAYABLE.

1853.			
Nov. 1	Betsy Stinson.....	128	20
1856.			
April 3	Benjamin Kimball.....	200	00
7	Lydia E. Smith.....	100	00
Sept. 15	Lorenzo Kimball.....	150	00
24	Lilly Cochran.....	42	00
1857.			
Feb. 7	George Moor.....	263	06
Aug. 11	Margaret Adams.....	861	00
	Ithamer Hubbard.....	100	00
	George Moor.....	47	51
1859.			
Jan. 3	Sarah H. Moor.....	458	40
Feb. 22	Moses Webster.....	400	00
	George N. Warner.....	716	83
		<u>\$3467</u>	06

## INTEREST DUE.

1858.

Interest due on above notes, ..... 235 00

## TOWN OF DERRY—BALANCE SHEET.

1858.

To notes payable.....	3467 06
Interest on do.....	235 00
On standing orders.....	302 37
Due No. 7 school house acct.....	50 00
Alexander McGregor, land damage.....	15 50
Edward Ballou ".....	53 00
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	\$4122 93

Cr.

By uncollected Taxes .....	2100 00
due from Geo. N. Warner.....	5 17
" " Charles Choate.....	5 00
" " Wm. J. Hall.....	7 67
Cash invested in liquors.....	250 00
Am't due from County.....	123 20
" " " H. D. Karr.....	5 90
" " " School District No. 6.....	17 00
Cash in Treasury.....	535 12
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	\$3049 06

Tewn Debt to balance.....	1073 87
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	\$4122 93

WILLIAM C. ELA,	} Selectmen of Derry.
JOHN FOLSOM,	
HENRY E. EASTMAN.	

I the undersigned, auditor, having examined the foregoing accounts as presented by the Selectmen, find the same correctly cast and satisfactory vouchers corresponding thereto.

JOSEPH MONTGOMERY, Auditor.

## REPORT OF LIQUOR AGENCY.

1858

## LIQUOR AGENCY.

	DR.
To Cash invested in Liquors,.....	250 00
“ Agent’s services,.....	50 00
	<hr/> 300 00
	CR.
By paid Agent’s services,.....	50 00
“ Liquors, Cash &c., on hand,.....	250 00
	<hr/> 300 00

CHARLES C. PARKER, AGT.

INVOICE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT ALMS  
HOUSE, FEB. 22, 1859.

4 oxen.....	\$230 00
5 young cattle.....	90 00
8 cows... ..	300 00
1 horse.....	125 00
5 swine.....	65 00
Hay.....	225 00
Ox wagon and cart.....	45 00
Plows, harrows &c.....	20 00
Sled and wheelbarrow .....	5 00
Yokes and chains.....	12 00
Shovels and forks .....	5 00
Mill and pulley.....	10 00
Harnesses &c .....	18 00
Sleigh and wagon .....	30 00
Hay cutter, horse rake &c.....	19 00
Axes, iron bar &c .....	15 00
Lumber on hand .....	30 00
Wood “ “ .....	125 00
Potatoes and other roots .....	80 00
Beef, pork and ham.....	73 00
Lard and butter.....	10 00
Soap and dried apples.....	16 00
Corn, Wheat &c.....	96 00
Cider, Vinegar and apples.....	35 00
Flour and meal.....	14 00

## BALANCE SHEET OF ALMS HOUSE,

1858.

Dr.

To amount of orders on Treasury.....	\$595 32
Bills paid by Superintendent.....	123 59
Personal property at alms house Feb. 22 1858.....	1509 00
Amount due from County for balance of year 1857..	226 25
	<u>\$2454 16</u>

1858

Cr.

By amount sold from farm, 1858.....	126 53
Personal property at alms house, Feb. 22, 1859....	1693 00
Due from Sam'l C. Kimball for Potatoes.....	4 00
“ George F. Adams.....	2 00
“ County Pauper acct.....	123 20
received from county pauper acct.....	325 00
due from Charles Choate.....	5 00
cash on hand.....	2 94
due from ——— for support of Mrs. Clough and children .....	65 00
	<u>2346 67</u>
Expense of alms house... ..	107 49
	<u>2454 16</u>

Agreeably to a vote of the town, we herewith respectfully submit our report of the financial affairs of the town for the past year. The amount of the debt, so far as we know of, is 1073 87, which is a reduction of 276 27 from last year. This in view of our having paid an increased County Tax of nearly three hundred and fifty dollars — of extra highway expenses the present year, of about \$200 less outstanding accounts, and of \$535 in the treasury would seem to indicate an improved state of affairs generally.

From the balance sheet of the Almshouse, it will be seen that the actual expense of the Almshouse the past year, has been about 100 dollars, which in view of the decided improvement manifest in the stock and buildings since the last account, would seem to indicate a favorable state of things there also.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM C. ELA,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
JOHN FOLSOM,	
HENRY E. EASTMAN,	

of *Derry*.



# REPORT

OF THE

## SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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FELLOW CITIZENS:—As the present political year is drawing to a close, it becomes my duty to report to you the condition of our schools. The year with its toils and anxieties has passed rapidly away, and as I sit down to look over the results, it is very pleasant to recall my repeated visits in the school room, where I have ever met the happy smile of recognition, and welcome from the children and youth there met for the purpose of being trained for future usefulness. I have been very happy in the belief that my presence, in most cases, so far from being a restraint, has rather been a stimulus to them in their noble endeavors. And as I have frequently addressed them on the subject of their studies, as well as on their duties as citizens and members of society—it has given me great pleasure to observe their respectful attention, and I have often imagined I could read in many a bright eye, and thoughtful and intelligent countenance, the firm resolve to make the best possible use of their time, and become useful and honorable members of society. I shall ever be proud of the friendship of such youth—and if any thing that I have said or done has in any measure encouraged them in their efforts I shall rejoice. I am happy also to have the friendly acquaintance of our teachers, who, (with one or two exceptions) have been of a high order, I may say equal in *natural* and *literary* qualifications, to any heretofore employed in this town.

Most of our districts adopt the right policy—and employ none but the *best*, and pay them accordingly.

Another pleasing fact is, that nearly all the teachers employed here during the past year are *residents* of this town, or have received a good share of their education in town. While we cheerfully welcome good teachers from abroad, it is pleasant to know that the talents and abilities of our own youth are appreciated.

It is believed that our teachers have aimed at *correctness* rather than *display*—to the establishment of a good foundation rather than the rearing of a baseless superstructure. It is a matter of regret that any teacher should ever adopt a different course.

The scholar of to-day is to be the man of to-morrow, and needs to carry with him, into the labor and business of life, such intellectual and moral qualifications, as will enable him to find within himself the resources, which will aid him in the hour, when such resources shall be needed. In order to render his education of any service to him, he must have it in a form to be used when occasion shall require. If he finds in his mind a confused mass of ideas half formed he has studied to but little purpose, and misspent the most precious moments of his life.

The true secret of teaching *well*, is to teach one thing at a time. The great reason why some scholars dislike certain studies, is because they have never been taught so as to enable them to understand those studies. The proper course is, to begin at the elements of knowledge—lay the foundation broad and deep—look to the inevitable law of cause and effect, and leave the result to take care of itself.

Teachers should bear in mind another important fact, namely: In order to be able to govern a *school* properly, they must be able to govern *themselves*.

Decision of character and mildness of disposition—firmness of purpose with kindness of expression, are some of the essential elements in the character of a good disciplinarian.

A teacher has a given amount of time, talent, and energy to be employed in the instruction of his pupils, and if he is obliged to employ three fourths of his talent, nine tenths of his time, and all his energy, it follows of course, that a very small portion of his ability will be left for the purposes of instruction.

Parents should also co-operate with the teacher, in maintaining good order in the school-room. If parents *speak* disparagingly of the teacher in presence of their children, they cut the sinews of his strength, and take from him all power to do them any good afterward.

Let children hear a syllable against the teacher from the lips of their parents and attendance at school after that, will do them but little good. Parents should always remember that it is an easy matter to

“Convey a libel in a frown,  
And wink a reputation down.”

Let the sentiment prevail among parents, prudential and superintending committees, that good order must be preserved in our schools—and let children be properly governed at home, and teachers will have little trouble in securing good order in the school-room.

## REMARKS ON INDIVIDUAL DISTRICTS.

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### DISTRICT NO. 1.

SUMMER TERM.—Miss Frances E. Parker, Teacher.

This School was composed mostly of small scholars. The teacher labored faithfully in the discharge of her duties, and was successful. At the closing examination nearly all the classes acquitted themselves creditably. This was particularly the case with a class in Geography.

Good improvement was also made in the very important branch of reading.

WINTER TERM.—Mr. T. S. Chase, Teacher.

Mr. C. is a thorough scholar, and a faithful and systematic instructor. He teaches every thing thoroughly and with exactness, with good illustrations and explanations on the black-board and otherwise. I visited the school on the afternoon of the 15th inst. for the purpose of making this report and was sorry to learn that several of the oldest boys were absent. This habit cannot be condemned in too strong terms. One day in the last part of the term is worth *two* at any other time. It is hoped that the matter of attendance will attract the attention of parents in this district.

It is but justice to say that the appearance of the school was satisfactory to the committee and creditable to teacher and scholars. The school will continue several weeks.

### DISTRICT NO. 2.

SUMMER TERM.—Miss Lucinda Gregg, Teacher.

I was surprised on visiting this school at the commencement of the term to find so many young scholars. Sixty scholars in one room up-

on an average not more than eight years old, is a sight seldom witnessed. I found every thing here in a prosperous condition.

As I had no notice of the time of closing until about noon of the day on which it closed—and having previously made an engagement with persons living twenty miles distant, and no time being given to alter the arrangement, the school was not visited at the close. But from the report of those who were present, and very competent judges I infer that the teacher fully sustained her previous excellent reputation as a teacher.

WINTER TERM.—Mr. Benjamin Warren, Teacher.

This is the best and most forward school in town. Many scholars who have had the advantage of instruction at the academy in this town are attending, and by assiduously attending to their studies show that they have a proper estimate of the *Common School*. Their example has a tendency to elevate those scholars who have not had these advantages. This school has yet two weeks to continue, and I shall be very much disappointed if at the closing examination the scholars do not acquit themselves creditably, and the Teacher sustain his former high rank as an instructor.

### DISTRICT NO. 3.

SUMMER TERM.—Miss C. R. Smith, Teacher.

On visiting this school at the commencement, I was deeply impressed with the advantage of having a teacher who has herself been well taught in a good school; and predicted a good school and the examination at the close of the term proved that I was correct in my prediction. I was much pleased to notice the deliberate manner of the teacher while performing the various and arduous duties in the school room. She has a correct idea of a good school and teaches accordingly.

All the exercises at the close were very satisfactory. The compositions and declamations would have been creditable to scholars much older.

WINTER TERM.—Mr. Samuel Marshall Jr., Teacher.

I found this school at my visit one week after its commencement, in a very promising condition. Teacher and scholars seemed to understand their duties well. Mr. M. was soon obliged to give up the school



on account of sickness, and his place was supplied by his brother Mr. Wm. Marshall.

Although notice of the time of closing was *sent* to me in due season, by accident it was not *delivered* to me until several hours after the school had closed, consequently I cannot speak of the improvement made.

#### DISTRICT NO. 4.

SUMMER TERM.—Miss Maria A. Hildreth, Teacher.

Miss H. is an experienced and successful teacher. She entered upon her duties with zeal and fidelity, and was very successful in every particular. At the closing examination the school room was beautifully adorned with festoons from the forest covered with flowers in a style that evinced good taste and much labor. All the recitations were highly satisfactory, and were interspersed with declamations and dialogues, in which almost every scholar participated. It is hardly necessary to add that the teacher won for herself a good reputation in the district.

WINTER TERM.—A. Proctor of Derry, Teacher.

As the teacher did not apply for a certificate, I did not visit this school, in the capacity of committee during the term. As the prudential committee has seen fit to pay him for his services, without requiring him to conform to the provisions of the statute, it is hoped that the district will *acquiesce*. If the parents here consider the school a successful one, they may attribute that success to their own efforts—for in no other district in town are the parents, as a whole, more interested in the education of their children. And it is believed that the children of this district are not inferior in point of capacity to those of any other district in town.

#### DISTRICT NO. 5.

SUMMER TERM.—Miss Abbie J. Palmer, Teacher.

The teacher here made her first attempt at teaching. She commenced her labors with a desire to discharge her duties faithfully to the district, but labored under the disadvantage of being very young, and of coming into a district where the scholars had previously acquired the

habit of being very irregular in their attendance. The scholars attending constantly and punctually, made commendable progress. Miss P. will doubtless make a good teacher.

WINTER TERM.—Miss Lucinda Gregg, Teacher.

At the commencement of the term the order was *exceptionable*; I am happy to say, however, that at the closing examination it was *unexceptionable*.

Commendable progress was made by most of the scholars. Miss G. has taught this school before to the satisfaction of the district. The school house here is the poorest in town.

## DISTRICT NO. 6.

SUMMER AND FALL TERMS.—Miss Julia A. Colby, Teacher.

The teacher devoted herself with energy to her task, and with good success. Good progress was made by all the scholars during both terms. The school is composed of small scholars, and consequently did not appear as forward as it has in some years past. This district deserves much credit for their new and convenient school house.

## DISTRICT NO. 7.

SUMMER TERM, Miss Abbie F. Kimball of Derry, Teacher.

This was the first school taught in the new and pleasant school house erected in this district, and I am very happy to add, was a very successful one. The teacher was faithful in the discharge of her duties, the scholars studious and attentive. The closing examination—in presence of many of the parents—was satisfactory to the superintendent, and it is hoped to all others.

Miss K. is one of our best instructors.

WINTER TERM, Mr. Benj. Warner, Teacher.

The closing examination of this school was on the afternoon of a violent snow-storm, but notwithstanding, many parents and others were present, which is a pretty sure indication of a good school.

All the exercises evinced a propriety of demeanor, a studious application, and a waking up of intellect, which was alike honorable to teacher, and scholars.

“As is the teacher, so will be the school.”

If this school improves as much for a few terms to come as it has during the past year, it will rank as one of our best schools.

### DISTRICT NO. 8.

SUMMER TERM, Miss Eliza A. Marshall, Teacher.

The order of this school was excellent at each of my visits. The method of government adopted by the teacher, was very mild—the mode of imparting instruction, simple and attractive—and the improvement made during the term, very satisfactory.

A large number of parents were present at the closing examination, which betokens a healthy sentiment in the district. There are some superior scholars in this district, considering their age. I will only add here that the teacher fully sustained her previous good reputation.

WINTER TERM.—Mr. William Marshall, Teacher.

I think the school was larger during this term, than for several terms previous. The teacher was energetic—the scholars punctual and prompt in their attendance,—and all the exercises at the close were praiseworthy.

The teacher deserves much credit for the pains taken in the too much neglected branch of education—*reading*. I have seldom seen greater improvement made in one term in this important branch, than was made here. Singing was one of the pleasant exercises of the final examination, which caused us to forget for a while the unpleasant weather outside of the school-room.

This district does not believe, or at least does not practice, the principle that a prophet is without honor in his own country.

### DISTRICT NO. 9

SUMMER TERM.—Miss Lucy J. Clark, Teacher.

Miss C. was very mild in her government, but the school at the first and last examinations appeared orderly and quiet, and the scholars, considering their age, made very commendable progress. The day of the final examination was uncomfortably warm, yet all the classes acquitted themselves creditably. Miss C. is well known as one of our most thorough scholars.

WINTER TERM.—Mr. A. P. Charles, of Andover, Mass., Teacher.

Mr. C. sustained a fair examination before the committee, and as the character of the school was known to be good, it was hoped he might teach it with profit, not only to himself, but to the district, although some fears were entertained in regard to his ability to govern and instruct.

From the appearance of the school at its close, it was evident that he had a very incorrect idea of what a district school should be. In the opinion of the committee, the school has hardly sustained its former standard as a *good* school.

#### DISTRICT NO. 10.

FALL TERM.—Miss Lucy J. Clark, Teacher.

There was as usual but one term of school here. I found it, on visiting it a few days after the commencement, in a flourishing condition. The Teacher was laboring faithfully, and the (few) scholars were studious and attentive. The impression I then had, was that it would be a good school, which was doubtless the case. Having no notice of the time of closing, I did not visit it again.

#### DISTRICT NO. 11.

SUMMER and FALL TERMS.—Miss A. J. Gregg, Teacher.

The scholars made good progress here in every particular. The order was good, and the school would bear a favorable comparison with the other schools in town. Miss G. is a faithful and successful teacher.

This district would find a larger room beneficial to their school.

#### DISTRICT NO. 12.

SUMMER and WINTER TERMS.—Miss Martha J. Storer, Teacher.

Miss S. here made her first attempt at school teaching, and was very successful. At the closing examinations of both terms the exercises



reflected much credit upon both scholars and teacher. This is a small school but has some good scholars.

The writing books were neat and evinced proficiency.

I can recommend Miss S. as a superior scholar, and a promising teacher.

ALEXIS PROCTOR,

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

# STATISTICS OF THE SEVERAL SCHOOLS.

## SUMMER TERM.

DISTRICTS.												
Length of School in weeks, Whole No. of pupils,....	No.1 16	No.2 12	No.3 10	No.4 11	No.5 9	No.6 10	No.7 10	No.8 12	No.9 9	No.10 9	No.11 8	No.12 16
No. of males,.....	46	60	21	42	26	19	33	31	24	26	16	16
No. of females,.....	22	29	9	21	13	8	14	17	12	11	9	9
Average No. attending,....	24	31	12	21	13	11	19	14	12	15	7	7
No. over 16 years old,....	38	50	23	40	20	15	30	29	21	22	14	14
No. under 16 years old,....	46	59	21	40	26	19	33	31	24	26	14	14
No. in dist. not attending,	5	8		4		6	3			4		
Wages of teacher per mo.,	\$18	\$20	\$14	\$16	\$9	\$16	\$15	\$16	\$14	\$16	\$16	\$16
No. of pupils neither ab- sent or tardy,.....	13	28	6	17		1	15	11	5	3	1	1
No Summer School.												

No Summer School.

## WINTER TERM.

DISTRICTS.												
Length of School in weeks,	No.1	No.2	No.3	No.4	No.5	No.6	No.7	No.8	No.9	No.10	No.11	No.12
Whole No. of pupils,.....	14	13	6	8	10	6	8	8	9	11	8	9
No. of males,.....	62	66	20	47	23	13	38	55	29	12	22	18
No. of females,.....	48	37	8	30	14	6	20	26	19	7	19	9
Average No. attending,....	14	29	12	17	9	7	18	19	10	5	12	9
No. over 16 years old,.....		58	18	44	20	16	33	23	23	10	19	14
No. under 16 years old,...		20		4	2			13	9	2		
Wages of teacher per mo.,	\$36	46	20	43	21	13	38	42	22	10	22	18
No. of scholars neither ab-		\$40	\$20	\$38	\$15	\$16	\$38	\$34	\$23	\$12	\$16	\$14
sent nor tardy,.....			7	31	3	3	18	23	1	1	1	3



# REPORT

OF THE

## SELECTMEN

AND

### SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

OF THE

## TOWN OF DERRY,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

## FEBRUARY 22, 1860.

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MANCHESTER, N. H.:

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No. 85 Merchants' Exchange, Elm Street.

1860.





# SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

## SNOW PATHS.

1859.				
March	2,	To paid Robert W. Adams.....	3	75
	5,	H. B. Humphrey.....	6	68
		S. A. Clough,.....	21	18
		Sam'l Adams, 2d.....	5	00
		David Stinson.....	5	88
		Samuel Clark,.....	1	95
		Charles Choate.....	9	58
		Horace Tilton,.....	5	88
	8,	Joseph Coombs.....	2	11
		Nath'l Hastings.....	5	64
		Allen Proctor.....	6	12
		A. J. Hall.....	7	96
		D. M. Emery.....	11	87
		J. H. Waterman.....	7	96
		John Hemphill.....	5	40
	9	M. S. Boynton... ..	17	16
		Silas Proctor.....	7	80
		J. Hazeleton.....	13	56
		J. C. Drew.....	8	30
		Geo. N. Kimball.....	13	68
		Moses G. Steele.....	13	08
		Sam'l C. Bailey....	23	64
		Moses Webster.....	4	75
April	17,	Geo. A. Stinson.....	6	48
May	12,	David G. Green.....	3	33
Aug.	12,	John Boynton.....	1	12
		Robert H. Smyth.....	1	00
		N. A. Bray.....	5	40
		Robert Taylor.....	2	06
		Thaddeus Wheeler....	8	92
Dec.	23,	Peter J. Horn.....	9	50

George Moore.....	3 25
Samuel Wilson.....	5 04
George Shute.....	1 25
Wm. Ela.....	5 42
Wm. Emery.....	7 54
Wm. P. Jenkins.....	4 84
E. G. Perham.....	2 00
John Nichols.....	7 74

1860.

Feb. 11,

Robert Taylor.....	5 69
Samuel Marshall.....	2 64
Samuel Wilson.....	72
G. R. N. Sargent.....	5 94
Robert Clendenin.....	3 24
Wesley Lowe.....	9 72
J. L. Fletcher.....	4 17
J. Y. James.....	11 72
H. P. Hood.....	1 00
David Clement.....	6 72

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 \$335 38

## ROADS AND BRIDGES.

1857.

Sept. To paid John Baker..... 1 40

1859.

March 8,	Daniel M. Emery .....	1 20
	J. Hazelton.....	1 20
	J. C. Drew.....	75
	Alex. Macgregor land, damage widening road.....	15 50
June 8,	Joseph Gregg land, damage.....	15 00
Aug. 12.	J. Adams, repairs on Clendenin road....	25 00
Sept. 12.	Geo. F. Adams, stone for bridge near mill	8 00
	J. H. Jones.....	1 00
Oct. 1,	Robert Taylor.....	8 44
	Robert Taylor.....	2 93
3,	Benj. Barker, Ford-way bridge.....	325 00
	Edward Ballou land, damage wid'ng road	53 00
	G. R. N. Sargent.....	1 50
	Benj. Barker, Pond bridge.....	4 12

Benj. Barker, extra work Ford-way bridge	15 37
W. N. Wilkinson.....	2 30
James H. Crombie.....	2 00

1860.

Feb. 21,

Robert Taylor.....	62
Robert Clendenin.....	1 62
Daniel Carr.....	4 37
J. L. Fletcher.....	2 20
Wesley Low.....	2 60
Rufus Boyd.....	2 50
Peter J. Horne.....	2 00
A. Reynolds.....	1 79

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\$501 50

## NON-RESIDENT HIGHWAY TAXES.

1858.

To paid Moses Webster, non-resident highway taxes on list of 1858.....	11 55
Wm. Ela.....	93
Robert W. Adams.....	7 25
Daniel M. Emery.....	2 07
J. H. Waterman.....	5 29
Geo. N. Kimball.....	91

1859

July 29,

Aug. 12,

Oct. 1,

Nov. 17,

Dec. 26,

Daniel Carr.....	2 08
John Boynton.....	23
Robert McMurphy.....	5 91
Robert Taylor.....	1 77
G. R. N. Sargent.....	93
Jacob Sheldon.....	3 37
George Moore.....	2 12
Benj. Adams.....	2 28
W. N. Wilkinson.....	22

1860.

Feb. 11,

20,

22,

Samuel F. Taylor.....	57
E. G. Shute, as per receipts taken up....	36 67
Robert Clendenin.....	5 06
Wesley Low.....	36
Wm. Emery.....	2 19
J. L. Elecher.....	6 07
Wm. C. Ela.....	4 13

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\$101 96

## ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

1859.			52
March	8,	To paid Dan'l J. Day, school house tax, 1858,...	3 00
		Jane Smyth.....	
1860			1 37
Jan.	28,	Parker Adams.....	59 65
Feb.	1,	Moses Webster, on list of 1858.....	3 30
		Moses Webster.....	1 83
		Dan'l J. Day.....	1 50
		E. M. Hilliard.....	4 23
		Jeremiah Hayes.....	42 82
		E. G. Shute, list of 1859.....	
			<hr/> \$118 22

## GRAVE YARD.

1859.			1 25
March	9,	To paid J. Hazelton, digging grave for Mr. Hall..	90
		A. Reynolds, Locks for gates.....	
1860.			15 00
Jan.	24,	P. B. Stevens, digging graves.....	
Feb.	22,	P. B. Stevens, digging graves and putting eight bodies in Tomb.....	30 00
			<hr/> \$47 15

## BOOKS AND STATIONERY.

1859.			26 50
March	9,	To paid Fisk & Gage, Town accounts .....	4 00
May	2,	Fisk & Stearns, highway surveying books	
Sep.	9,	G. Parker Lyon, record books for mort- gages, births, marriages, &c.....	17 00
1860.			3 97
Feb.	22,	A. Reynolds, postage and stationery .....	
			<hr/> \$51 47

## TRANSIENT POOR.

1858.			5 00
		To paid Sam'l Clark 2d, wood for Geo. Alexander	9 50
		B. F. Gregg, board of Mrs. Caldwell....	



1859.			
Oct.	12,	Albert Thompson, wood for Mrs. McMurphy.....	1 37
Nov.	16,	B. F. Gregg, board of Mrs. Caldwell....	14 00
Dec.	15,	J. H. Adams, wood for G. Alexander....	20 00
1860.			
Jan.	28,	N. H. Brown, supplies for Mrs. Austin..	18 24
		James H. Crombie, medical attendance family of R. McMurphy.....	15 56
Feb.	11,	Sam'l C. Bailey, wood for Geo. Alexander	4 00
		Sam'l Marshall, wood for G. Alexander..	1 87
		Isaac Howe.....	3 00
		J. T. G. Dinsmore, R. McMurphy.....	2 50
		N. H. Brown, supplies for Mrs. Major...	8 27
		N. H. Brown, supplies for Mrs. Fellows..	4 45
		N. H. Brown, supplies furnished Mary King.....	8 22
		N. H. Brown, supplies furnished Mrs R. McMurphy.....	7 09
	18,	Joseph Ripley, supplies for Mary King..	50
		J. M. Usher, " " " ...	9 60
		R. A. Clement.....	1 25
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			\$134 42

## TEACHER'S INSTITUTE.

1859.		
	To paid H. L. Boltwood Commissioner for Teacher's Institute.....	22 92

## EDUCATION.

1859.			
	To paid School District No. 1, School money....		223 64
	" " " " 2, " " ....		216 89
	" " " " 3, " " ....		59 38
	" " " " 4, " " ....		117 92
	" " " " 5, " " ....		73 44
	" " " " 6, " " ....		66 53
	" " " " 7, " " ....		132 86
	" " " " 8, " " ....		125 87
	" " " " 9, " " ....		91 35

		To paid School District No. 10, School money,	30 00
		" " " " 11, " " ....	67 48
		" " " " 12, " " ....	65 78
		" " " " 7 Chester " ....	6 87
		School house tax 7 " " ....	15 30
Aug. 12,	F. W. Taylor,	for building school house shed	47 50
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			\$1,340 81

## OUTSTANDING ORDERS.

1859.

To paid outstanding orders for 1858.....	302 37
State tax.....	401 10
County tax .....	1,004 03
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	\$1,707 50

## TOMB.

1859.

May 18,	To paid Henry Hayes, stone.....	40 00
Oct. 12,	McClure & Richardson, stone for front...	138 00
	T. W. Hoxie & Co., cement. ....	14 00
Nov. 6,	Sam'l Clark 2d.....	10 75
	J. W. Alexander, board.....	5 78
25,	Robert McCartee.....	29 16
	Benj. Barker.....	34 00
	James Priest, cement.....	8 25
	Daniel Shattuck, teaming stone.....	6 50
	Jacob Sheldon.....	14 00
Dec. 23,	Geo. Moore, stone.....	1 25
	Wm. C. Palmer, stone.....	14 00
	Charles C. Parker.....	60 00
	Geo. Redfield.....	1 00
	Albert Redfield.....	2 50
	John Black.....	2 10
	John Shannon.....	9 00
	J. M. Wood, cement.....	1 15
	Daniels & Forsaith, iron for frame.....	12 07
	J. Q. O. Sargent & Co., gas pipe.....	6 00
	J. M. & S. F. Stanton, door.....	34 47
	E. Gage, stone steps.....	15 00
	T. R. Robie.....	14 55
	Cemetery Association Lot.....	25 00

F. A. Brown, lettering front.....	6 00
N. H. Brown, powder &c.: .....	74
A. Thompson.....	2 87
M. & L. Railroad freight.....	50
Stephen Reynolds.....	12 00
A. Reynolds, for thirty-seven and one-half day's service.....	37 50
A. Reynolds, expenses at Manchester....	1 75
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	\$559 89
By cement on hand.....	7 00
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Cost of tomb.....	\$552 89

## NOTES PAID.

1859. March	30, To paid Moses Webster.....	400 00
1860. Feb.	1, Lydia E. Smith.....	100 00
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		\$500 00

## INTEREST PAID.

1859. March	30, To paid Moses Webster.....	5 80
April	16, Benj. Kimball.....	13 69
Nov.	17, Betsey Stinson.....	46 17
1860. Feb.	1, Lydia E. Smith.....	24 93
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		\$90 59

## ALMSHOUSE.

1857. Feb.	24, To paid T. R. Robie, blacksmith work.....	3 73
	R. W. Adams, .....	3 75
1860. Sept.	19, Wm. D. Clark.....	25 00
Oct.	12, A. Thompson.....	19 72
Nov.	17, Abram Bean, pasturing cattle, ...	10 00
Jan.	14, Wm. C. Palmer.....	5 50
	T. R. Robie, blacksmith work.....	5 03
	Ben'. Merrill.....	1 50

Feb.	11,	Wm. Leach, supplies...	14 42
		Isaac Howe, shoes.....	2 72
		John Folsom....	27 23
		D. C. Palmer, repairing waggon &c.....	7 50
		C. C. Parker, supplies.....	30 78
		J. T. G. Dinnsmore, 1858.....	3 40
		N. H. Brown, supplies.....	39 88
	20,	Lucien Harper, supplies.....	10 03
		Eastman Brothers, supplies.....	31 43
	22,	Wm. D. Clark, salary of two hundred dol- lars less the balance due on settle- ment, \$7 32.....	192 68
		Henry Hayes, services.....	15 00
		L. Wilson.....	13 46
			<hr/> \$462 76

## N. H. INSANE ASYLUM.

1859.				35 02
May	1st,	To paid N. H. Asylum, board of Sarah Cowdry..		45 36
		John G. Bond.....		36 25
Aug.	9,	Sarah Cowdry, board.....		30 00
		John G. Bond.....		
1860.				
Feb.	20,	J. G. Bond and Sarah Cowdry, board...	139 92	
				<hr/> \$286 55

## TOWN OFFICERS.

1859.				20 00
Feb.	2,	To paid Wm. H. Oram .....		1 18
		J. Montgomery, Auditor.....		42 50
		Alexis Proctor, Sup. School Com. 1858..		8 04
		H. E. Eastman, Selectman.....		6 00
		John Folsom, Selectman.....		
1860.				60 00
Feb.	20,	J. H. Adams, Selectman.....		60 00
		N. H. Brown.....		20 00
		Geo. W. Barker services as Town Clerk..		69 74
		A. Reynolds, Selectman.....		40 00
		Henry Hayes, Liquor agent.....		
				<hr/> \$327 46



## MOSES WEBSTER, Collector of Taxes, Dr.

1858.

Ballance of list 1858, in hands of Collector \$2,100 00  
Cr.

1859.

By amount paid on list of 1858..... \$2,100 00

## MISCELLANEOUS.

1858.

May 2, To paid Cheney & Co.'s Express..... 75  
Mathew Holmes, affidavit of A. Clough.. 1 25

1860.

Feb. 1st, Moses Webster, guaranteeing taxes, 1858. 15 00  
11, H. E. Eastman, express bill..... 25  
Edmund Adams, watering place..... 3 00  
E. Cogswell, care of Parish Hall..... 6 00  
13, W. Storer, bringing, town accounts from  
Manchester..... 1 00  
W. Storer, care of Parish Hall..... 6 00  
Robert Clendenin, watering place..... 3 00  
20, G. C. Bartlett, Legal service..... 8 00  
John Porter, Legal service, 1858..... 3 00  
R. T. Chase, services..... 70  
A. Reynolds, enrolling soldiers ..... 2 00  
Joseph Johnson, watering place..... 3 00  
\$52 96

## E. G. SHUTE, Collector of Taxes, Dr.

1859.

To amount of tax list 1859..... \$4,316 84  
Cr.

1859.

By amount paid on list of 1859..... 2,850 50  
By Balance of list of 1859 in hands of  
Collector..... 1,466 34  
\$4,316 84

## WILLIAM H. ORAM, Treasurer,

Dr.

1859.

To balance in Treasury 1859.....	535 13
cash of Moses Webster, collector list 1858	2,100 00
cash of E. G. Shute, list 1859.....	1,445 25
cash of Town of Northfield, board of Hannah Clough.....	26 00
received of town of Salem, on account of Mrs. Austin.....	5 00
cash rec'd of Sup. of Almshouse.....	79 22
rec'd of C. C. Parker, balance on settlement of Liquor agency.....	53 38
rec'd of J. Montgomery.....	32 75
Henry Hayes, on acc't of Liquor agency.	161 17
literary fund for state.....	126 55
Railroad Tax.....	174 86
rec'd of Selectmen, money hired for use of town.....	310 00
Wm. J. Hall's note .....	7 67

\$5,057 08

Cr.

1859.

By amount of outstanding orders 1858..	302 37
By orders paid 1859.....	4,618 59
Wm. J. Hall's note.....	7 67
cash in Treasury.....	128 45

\$5,057 08

## HENRY HAYES, Liquor Agent,

Dr.

1859.

To whole amount of Liquor sold from March 22, 1859, to Feb. 16, 1860,.....	285 75
Cash from sale of Casks,.....	1 00
	<u>\$286 75</u>

1859.

By cash paid State Liquor agt. for liquors as per bill,	Cr. 119 40
Cash paid M. & L. Railroad, freight " "	3 81
Paid freight from Depot to agency,.....	1 87
Postage and Stationery,.....	50
Balance of cash paid the town on settlement....	161 17
	<u>\$286 75</u>

## BALANCE SHEET of Liquor Agency,

Dr.

1859.	To amount of Liquor casks, &c. from C. C. Parker,	190 62
	Cash paid State Liquor agt. for liquors,.....	119 40
	Freight, Postage, &c.,....	6 18
	Salary of agent for 1859,.....	40 00
		<u>\$356 20</u>
1859.		CR.
	By value of liquor, casks &c., as actually measured,	
	by Selectmen, Feb. 16, 1860,.....	80 00
	Sales of liquors and casks,.....	286 75
		<u>366 75</u>
		<u>356 20</u>
	Profit to the town,.....	<u>\$10 55</u>

## NOTES. PAYABLE.

1856.		
Sept. 15,	Lorenzo Kimball,.....	150 00
Sept. 24,	Lilley Cochran,.....	42 00
1857.,		
Aug. 11.	Margaret Adams,.....	861 00
Aug. 11,	Ithamar Hubbard,.....	100 00
1859.	Sarah Moore,.....	458 40
Feb. 22,	Geo. N. Warner,.....	716 83
April 3,	Benjamin Kimball,.....	200 00
" 25,	George Moore,.....	52 47
	Geo. Moore.....	293 17
Nov. 1st,	Betsey Stinson,.....	128 26
	Jennette Humphrey,.....	110 00
	Benjamin Barker,.....	100 00
	Jenette Humphrey,...	100 00
		<u>\$3312 13</u>

## INTEREST DUE.

1859.	Interest due on above notes,.....	\$174 02
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## DISBURSEMENTS.

1859.

To paid, snow paths,....	335 38
roads and bridges.....	501 50
non-resident highway taxes,.....	101 96
abatement of taxes,.....	118 22
grave yard,.....	47 15
books and stationery.....	51 47
transient poor,.....	134 42
Teachers' Institute,.....	22 92
education,.....	1340 81
tomb,.....	559 89
notes paid,.....	500 00
interest paid,.....	90 59
Alms House,.....	462 76
Insane Asylum,.....	286 55
town officers,.....	327 46
miscellaneous,.....	52 96
out-standing orders,.....	302 37
State tax,.....	401 10
County tax,.....	1004 03
cash in treasury,.....	128 45
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	\$6769 99

## RECEIPTS.

1859.

To cash in Treasury 1859,.....	535 13
" of Moses Webster on list of 1858,....	2100 00
" " E. G. Shute, list of 1859,.....	2850 48
" " Town of Northfield, board of H. Clough,.....	26 00
" " Town of Salem, on account of Mrs. Austin,.....	5 00
" received of Sup't of Alms House,...	79 22
" " C. C. Barker, balance on settlement of Liquor Agency,..	53 38
" " J. Montgomery,.....	32 75
" " Henry Hayes on account of Liquor Agency,.....	161 17
Literary Fund for State,.....	126 55
Railroad tax,.....	174 86
money hired for use of Town,.....	310 00
outstanding orders,.....	315 45
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	\$6769 99



## TOWN OF DERRY, BALANCE SHEET.

1859.		Dr.
To notes payable,.....	3312	13
interest on notes,.....	174	02
outstanding orders,.....	315	45
	<u>\$3801</u>	60
		Cr.
By uncollected taxes,....	1466	34
due from County,.....	550	12
cash invested in liquors,.....	80	00
due from town of Salem for supplies furnished Mrs. Austin,.....	18	24
due from J. Montgomery and others, on Alms-house account,.....	33	15
cash in Treasury,.....	128	45
	<u>2276</u>	30
Town debt to balance, .....	1525	30
	<u>\$3801</u>	60

JOSIAH H. ADAMS, } *Selectmen*  
 ALFRED REYNOLDS, } *of*  
 N. H. BROWN, } *Derry.*

INVOICE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT ALMS-  
HOUSE, FEB. 22, 1860.

2 oxen.....	\$145	00
6 young cattle.....	125	00
8 cows.....	230	00
2 sheep.....	5	00
1 horse.....	125	00
4 swine.....	30	00
Hay.....	240	00
Ox waggon and cart.....	40	00
Plows, Harrows &c.....	18	00
Sled and Wheelbarrow.....	4	00
Yokes and chains.....	12	00

Shovels and forks.....	4 00
Mill and Pulley.....	10 00
Harness &c.....	16 00
Sleigh and wagon....	35 00
Hay cutter and Horse rake.....	12 00
Axes, iron bar, &c.....	10 00
Lumber on hand.....	10 00
Wood.....	125 00
Potatoes and other roots.....	70 00
Beef, pork and ham.....	85 00
Lard, butter and candles.....	22 00
Soap.....	10 00
Corn and other grain.....	19 00
Cider and vinegar.....	20 00
Flour.....	6 00
Grindstone and haying tools.....	7 00
Beans and dried apples.....	15 00
Buffalo robe.....	5 00
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	\$1,455 00

## BALANCE SHEET OF ALMSHOUSE,

1859

	Dr.
To amount of orders on Treasury.....	462 76
Bills paid Superintendent.....	117 44
- Personal property at Almshouse Feb. 22, 1859.....	1,693 00
Amount due from County for balance of year 1858...	123 20
Cash on hand, Feb. 22, 1859.....	2 94
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	\$2,399 34
	Cr.
By amount sold from farm.....	201 04
\$26 54 of which has been expended for use of Town.	
Personal property at Almshouse Feb. 22, 1860.....	1,455 00
Due from County.....	550 12
George Shute.....	1 95
B. F. Gregg.....	30
E. H. Carlton.....	

C. H. Copp.....	15
E. G. Shute.....	3 75
J. Montgomery.....	21 00
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	2,239 31
Expense for Almshouse.....	160 03
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	\$2,399 34

In conformity to custom, we respectfully submit our financial report as above. The balance sheet shows a town debt of \$1525.30, being an increase from last year of \$451.43, caused by the increased bills for snow paths, the building of the receiving tomb, and the re-building of the fordway bridge. The bills for snow paths have been \$323.65 more than last year. Without any directions or appropriation even from the town, we built the receiving tomb according to our best judgement. Compared with the cost of similar constructions, it has been economically built. The fordway bridge has been re-built, in our opinion, in the most permanent manner.

It will be seen that the actual expense of the almshouse has been \$160.03. In justice to the Superintendent, however, we would remark that we find as much personal property at the almshouse as when we came into office, but we have, as we believe, reduced the rate of valuation.

The liquor agency has been conducted strictly according to the statute. The capital now invested in liquors is less than \$100, as we believe amply sufficient for the purpose. The agency has made a profit to the town of \$10.55. We are perfectly satisfied with the management of its affairs by the agent.

We invite the attention of the town to the improvements made, and hope they will be satisfactory. All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. H. ADAMS,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
A. REYNOLDS,	
N. H. BROWN.	

*of  
Derry.*

I the undersigned, Auditor have this day examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast, and satisfactory vouchers corresponding thereto.

J. MONTGOMERY, AUDITOR.

# REPORT

OF THE

## SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

FELLOW CITIZENS :—Your Committee having endeavored during the past year to perform his duty “according to the best of his ability, and agreeably to the constitution and laws,” and being about to resign his trust, respectfully submits the following report :

### DISTRICT NO. 1.

SUMMER TERM.—Miss S. A. M. Alexander, of Derry, Teacher.

Miss A. is an experienced, energetic and faithful instructor. The pupils were carefully and thoroughly instructed in all branches, and they made excellent progress. The exercises at the closing examination were highly creditable to both teacher and scholars, and satisfactory to the committee. The teacher had one evil to contend with—irregularity in attendance. This obstacle, so detrimental to the success of our schools, parents should endeavor, as far as possible, to remove.

WINTER TERM.—Mr. Benjamin Warner, of Derry, Teacher.

We have scarcely witnessed a more interesting school than was this. At our last visit not a single scholar gave an unsatisfactory answer to the numerous questions asked by the teacher and committee. All the exercises deserved much praise, and we think the reading could hardly be surpassed. The articulation was distinct, accompanied with correct emphasis. The character of the teacher is too well known to need any praise here. We only add that his reputation has not suffered by his efforts in this school.

### DISTRICT NO. 2.

SUMMER TERM.—Miss Martha B. Dinsmore, of Derry, Teacher.

This was Miss D.'s first attempt to perform the arduous duties of a school teacher, and the result of her labors show that she has not mistaken her calling. Although the discipline of the school was hardly as good as we could wish, at our visit soon after the commencement, there was great improvement in this respect during the term. The order of the school on the afternoon of the closing examination was good, and the various exercises satisfactory.



WINTER TERM.—Mr. Wm. Marshall, of Darry, Teacher.

Owing to a misunderstanding in regard to the amount of school money in this district, the teacher was obliged to close the school several days sooner than was anticipated, consequently the scholars had no opportunity to review their several studies. We spent two hours in the school on the day prior to the close. The recitations in arithmetic were prompt and correct, and the reading reflected much credit upon scholars and teacher, and justly entitled them to the approbation of the committee. Mr. M. has before taught in this town to the satisfaction of all interested.

### DISTRICT NO. 3.

SUMMER TERM.—Miss Orpah Clark, Teacher.

At the close of the summer term all the classes were examined in the different branches to which they had attended, and it was evident that commendable progress had been made. The order of the school was good.

The winter term was taught by the same teacher. It appeared well at the time of our visit soon after the commencement, but as the school closed without the knowledge of the committee, and as we have as yet received no return from it, we can say nothing farther in regard to it.

### DISTRICT NO. 4.

SUMMER TERM.—Miss M. L. Cochran, of Windham, Teacher.

All branches taught here were *well* taught, and the progress made was such as received the approbation of the writer and numerous parents and others present at the closing examination. The recitation in mental arithmetic reflected much credit upon the teacher, and showed that the scholars had been accustomed to think for themselves. The readiness exhibited in solving and explaining the problems, gave good evidence that the pupils had a good understanding of this very important study. The reading and declamation were also praiseworthy. The good taste displayed in decorating the school-room for the occasion was very pleasing to all present.

WINTER TERM.—This school contained more scholars this term than any other in town—a large number, however, are quite young. We are induced to believe that this is the most peaceable district in town, as the parents here have permitted their children to be instructed two winter terms by a person who did not procure a *certificate* of the Superintendent. Of course, if the district are satisfied, it would be compromising the dignity of the committee to interfere.

## DISTRICT NO. 5.

The Summer and Winter terms of this school were taught by Miss S. A. Gregg, of this town, who is known as a faithful teacher. She was assiduous in her endeavors here to benefit those intrusted to her care. The want of energy and enthusiasm on the part of the scholars prevented the school from making a desirable appearance at the close of the summer term. We are happy to say, however, that through the laborious efforts of the teacher, the scholars made commendable progress during the winter term.

The teacher very justly complains of the uncomfortable condition of the school-house. She informs us through her report that during the cold weather it was impossible to keep warm in any part of the house.

## DISTRICT NO. 6.

The Summer and Winter terms were taught by Miss D. J. Griffin of Sundown. There are hardly scholars enough here to be entitled to the name of a school. During the Summer term it is feared that there was hardly *life* enough for the benefit of the school, yet the scholars made progress in their studies. The Winter term was characterized by more energy on the part of all, and with the addition of one or two more scholars. The closing examination was very satisfactory.

## DISTRICT NO. 7.

SUMMER TERM.—Miss Abbie F. Kimball has now taught this school *two* summers, which is a good recommendation as to the satisfaction she has given as a teacher. At the close of the term all the exercises were prompt, and gave satisfactory evidence that the teacher had been faithful in the discharge of her duties, and that the school had been a profitable one to the scholars. Nearly all the pupils were punctual in their attendance.

WINTER TERM.—Mr. C. S. Boynton, a resident of the district, here made his first attempt at teaching. He has a good education, and would doubtless meet with good success in a school of a different character. It is believed, however, that he is possessed of a disposition a little too amiable to enable him to govern and instruct a school where there is not that harmony and kind feeling existing so essential to the prosperity of the school. Knowing as we do that there are many excellent scholars in this district, we believe the school might, with judicious management, rank as one of the best in town. In a district divided against itself, the cause of education cannot flourish for any length of time. We think the parents here desire to have a *good school*, and in order to have such, when a good teacher is employed (and no other need be employed) he must have the hearty co-operation of the *District*.

That our successor may be able to report this school as taking its proper rank among the schools in town, is the earnest desire of the writer.

#### DISTRICT NO. 8,

**SUMMER TERM.**—Taught by Miss E. A. Marshall, of the District, who well sustained her previous reputation as an excellent teacher. The scholars appeared quiet, diligent and happy. The good appearance of the school at the closing examination could have been foretold by any one who knew the character of the teacher and scholars.

The Winter term was under the care of Mr. Geo. I. Choate, also resident of the district. The exercises in this school at our last visit were of necessity much hurried, for the reason that the school in No. 9 closed on the same day. The first class in reading received the approbation of the committee, and the classes in Arithmetic and Geography also deserved praise. The order during our stay was creditable to all concerned. The teacher's reputation is well known, as he has taught several terms in this town. We will only add that his own district has given him the best possible recommendation by employing him the *second term*.

#### DISTRICT NO. 9.

**SUMMER TERM.**—Taught by Miss Martha J. Storer, of Derry, who is a thorough scholar and an energetic teacher. The scholars progressed rapidly and everything they learned *was well learned*. They entertained a kind regard for their teacher, consequently good order was a pleasing characteristic of the school. The exercises at the final examination were exceedingly interesting.

**WINTER TERM.**—Taught by Mr. Shepherd of Nashua, who had never before taught school. The more advanced scholars read creditably, and a class in mental arithmetic appeared remarkably well, while the other recitations evinced little or no thought. The school-room was very prettily decorated for the occasion, the scholars orderly and quiet. And we would be glad to say the general appearance was in *keeping*, but it would require a very elastic conscience to do so. There are the elements in this district of a good school.

#### DISTRICT NO. 10.

Only one term, which was taught by Miss M. J. Storer. This is a very small school, but the parents take a lively interest in educating their children, and consequently scholars of this district, considering their advantages, compare favorably with those of other and larger districts. The school appeared remarkably well at the commencement. We are sorry to say that circumstances entirely beyond our control prevented our visiting it at the close. Parents speak favorably of the school.

## DISTRICT NO. 11.

SUMMER TERM.—Miss Julia M. Currier of Derry, Teacher.

We found on inspection this school soon after its commencement, in a flourishing condition as might be expected in a school taught by an experienced and successful teacher. Notice was sent us of the time when the term was to close, but was not received until after the school had closed. Consequently we were not present.

FALL TERM.—The fall term was taught by Miss Abbie J. Palmer, who is quite young and has had but little experience in teaching. She labored faithfully, and although the scholars are nearly all small, they made progress. A little more life would have added much to the appearance of the school.

## DISTRICT No. 12.

SUMMER TERM.—Taught by Miss Mary A. Tenney, of Chester. Although she had never taught before, she was very successful in imparting instruction to her pupils. By a judicious course of oral instruction, her scholars learned many useful lessons. The want of *good order* at the closing examination detracted much from the otherwise good appearance of the school.

The Fall Term was taught by Miss Laura H. Moor, who resides in the district. She proved herself to be a faithful and successful teacher. Good improvement was made by all the scholars in the several branches studied, and the appearance of the school at the close was satisfactory.

# GENERAL REMARKS.

## PARENTAL CO-OPERATION.

Your Committee, in concluding this report, would urge parents to be more interested in our schools. Rest assured that your feelings and actions give a tone to the feelings of your children, and either inspire them with an ambition for progress and improvement, or fix upon them the *lead*en stamp of indifference and sloth. The character and success of our schools depends very much upon the influence exerted over the scholars by parents. Their interest and co-operation are necessary to enable the teacher to instil into the minds of his pupils that genuine love of knowledge which is so essential in its acquirement. Parents should not abandon the school to the sole superintendence of the committee, but each and all should feel that the interests of the school are



in a measure in their own hands, and that all should unitedly lend their best energies in elevating the character of the same. Let the sentiment everywhere prevail that there must be *good order and good government* preserved in our schools. Let it be felt too, that the decided action and co-operation of parents can alone secure such. Let the influence at home be always decidedly in favor of an education. This influence is most important upon the success of those who are called to the difficult task of teaching and governing our children. The best teacher is without power among his pupils, unless parents by their influence clothe him with that power. They can do it if they will. Let scholars, then, in all they hear from the lips of their parents see that their teacher is respected. To err is human, and to suppose a teacher incapable of error, is to suppose him a superhuman being. Therefore, for the sake of justice, and for the sake of their children, parents should be cautious how they condemn the teacher. If a teacher does an imaginary wrong, or severely whips a scholar, will it help the scholar or the school, for the father to threaten to flog the master, or to raise a commotion in the district? or will it help the scholar if the parent, with the tongue of slander, fall upon the teacher, and destroy his reputation? If the teacher fail to conduct the affairs of the school in a manner to suit the fancy of the parent, it is much better to seek a private interview with the teacher.

### PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE'S.

Great caution should be used in expending school money. To expend it in the best manner is no less difficult than it is important. As the grand secret of success in a school lies with the teacher, no pains should be spared in securing the services of competent ones—teachers whose presence, words or looks, will restrain the wayward, arouse the indolent to activity, and direct the studious—who, like the main spring of a watch, will keep every wheel in constant, regular and successful motion. Hence the importance of selecting suitable persons for prudential committees. A man elected to this office should be willing to spend a little time in securing a teacher suitable for the task. He should not fail for one to come along, but he should be on the alert and secure the services of a faithful and competent instructor, even if he has to pay a high price. We are not advocating the payment of extravagant prices to teachers, because we know that there are well qualified persons to be obtained for a fair remuneration, who will render services equivalent to the demand. No person can afford to qualify himself or himself for a teacher without a fair remuneration for their services; and we believe there are many persons of fine talents and good education,

who are, or might become good teachers, who will not offer their services as such, because they do not wish to come in competition with the host of transient pedagogues who stroll about through the country in quest of plunder. Prudential Committees should not only be cautious in selecting teachers, but they should also secure them *early*, and require them to appear seasonably before the examining committee. One instance (of late appearance) has occurred during the past year which we think deserves notice. A young man from a distance appeared before us for examination, and on inquiry we learned that he wished to commence the school *that day*, and that the scholars had already assembled at the school-house. We gave him the "*required examination*" and formed the opinion that he was poorly qualified to instruct the school. We felt, however, that as it was the *eleventh* hour, the prudential committee might not be able to procure the services of a competent teacher, and after making considerable allowance for the candidates embarrassment, and allowing his recommendations (which were from high authority) to have *some* weight, we concluded to call him *barely* qualified. His success in the school was what might be expected—about a fourth rate school. These remarks are not made for the purpose of censuring prudential committees, but with the hope that they may be of utility hereafter.

In closing, we tender our thanks to parents, teachers and scholars, for their courtesy and kindness, and hoping that the duties of our office may fall into abler hands, we resign our trust and decline a re-election.

ALEXIS PROCTOR,

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Derry, N. H., Feb. 20, 1860.

## STATISTICS OF THE SEVERAL SCHOOLS.

### SUMMER TERM.

DISTRICT No.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Length of school in weeks,	17	16	10	11	9	9	11½	9	12	8½	10	12
Number of pupils,	51	56	30	46	28	17	30	37	23	12	20	12
Average No. attending,	37	48	29	40	23	15	26	34	17	11	12	1
No. over 16 years old,				1				3		1		
Wages of teacher per mo.,	\$18	\$20	\$15	\$16	\$15	\$16	\$16	\$18	\$10	\$12	\$12	\$16

### WINTER TERM.

DISTRICT No.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Length of school in weeks,	*	12	12	9	9	6½	11	10	11	30	Only one	12
Number of pupils,		35	30	54	28	12	40	47	42	24	Term.	20
Average No. attending,		33	26	48	21	8	28	42	24	4		16
No. over 16 years old,			3	10	4		1	11				
Wages of teacher per mo.,		\$40	\$15	\$36	\$16	\$16	\$33	\$30	\$28			

\* Not finished.

# REPORT

OF THE

## SELECTMEN

AND

### SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

OF THE

## TOWN OF DERRY,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

### FEBRUARY 27, 1861.

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MANCHESTER, N. H.,

AMERICAN STEAM PRINTING WORKS OF GAGE & FARNSWORTH  
1861.





# SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

## SNOW PATHS.

1860.			
Feb. 20.	Paid	Charles Clyde .....	\$ 1 87
27.		W. W. Bond.....	9 36
		D. P. Page.....	4 62
28.		W. W. Waterman.....	18 98
Mch. 7.		J. Sheldon .....	31 26
10.		Daniel Carr.....	20 88
		G. R. N. Sargent.....	6 36
		Wm. Reynolds.....	16 45
		D. H. Pinkerton.....	21 32
12.		Stephen Reynolds.....	20 64
13.		S. F. Taylor.....	6 84
		Joshua Morse .....	7 44
		Robert Taylor.....	5 46
		Nathaniel Hastings.....	2 38
		Robert Clendenin.....	1 68
		Lyman Hayes.....	9 65
		Robert W. Adams.....	2 50
		John Gregg.....	6 36
		John Jackson.....	1 32
17.		Samuel Adams, 2d.....	12 46
		Wm. N. Wilkinson.....	3 50
		John Baker.....	6 84
		George W. Ballou.....	2 00
		William C. Ela.....	21 00
April 11.		George A. Stinson .....	10 20
May 18.		William C. Humphrey.....	17 53
		Samuel Nowell.....	4 44
30.		John Parmerton.....	13 60
Nov. 3.		F. W. Coffin .....	4 31
19.		Geo. Moor.....	4 68
1861.			
Feb. 2.		John Patten.....	5 94
14.		M. Morse.....	9 00

	J. A. Butterfield.....	9 01
23.	J. Y. James. ....	40 38
	Rufus Boyd.....	53 10
	Charles Clyde.....	15 75
	G. R. N. Sargent .....	42 24
	Isaac How.....	22 68
	Wm. Reynolds.....	37 76
	Benjamin Poor.....	47 03
	Silas Proctor.....	53 87
	Samuel Wilson.....	21 36
	P. J. Horne.....	29 71
	John C. Drew.....	22 55
	Robert W. Thompson.....	18 79
	David Clement.....	8 00
	Hiram Johnson.....	45 24
	Robert W. Adams.....	13 50
	Wm. W. Cook....	30 00
	Samuel Nowell.....	1 25
	Robert T. Chase.....	7 86
	Thos. S. Bradford.....	57 10

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 \$887 97

## ROADS AND BRIDGES.

1852.		
March 19.	Paid Charles Clyde.....	\$ 1 50
" 19.	James Read.....	15 00
" 19.	N. A. Bray.....	8 35
April 9.	Joseph Montgomery.....	9 00
Sept. 7.	Ed. Adams, 2d.....	4 93
" 7.	A. D. Jenness.....	5 75
" 27.	D. P. Page.....	8 27
Nov. 19.	Geo. Moore.....	4 00
1861.		
Jan. 8.	Samuel F. Taylor.....	3 64
" 14.	Barrett & Thomas, plank for bridge near T. Willson's.....	64 77
" 28.	A. D. Jenness.....	1 00
Feb. 9.	G. R. N. Sargent.....	75
" 9.	W. W. Poor.....	6 20
" 9.	Samuel Willson.....	3 60
" 9.	J. L. Fletcher.....	1 00
" 9.	Jonas Herrick.....	7 00
" 14.	D. M. Emery.....	10 15

" 23.	J. Y. James.....	8 15
" 23.	Charles Clyde.....	2 00
" 23.	Alexis Proctor.....	4 50
" 23.	Ed. Adams, 2d.....	5 00
" 23.	Hiram Sargent.....	5 78
" 23.	R. W. Thompson.....	15 55
" 23.	W. W. Cooke.....	3 37
" 25.	A. Reynolds.. ..	2 40
" 25.	John B. Taylor, timber and work near S. Willson's.....	48 31
" 28.	Joseph Montgomery.....	4 50
" 28.	P. J. Horne.....	7 49
" 28.	Isaac Chase.....	12 00
" 28.	Eastman Bros.....	1 04
" 28.	Thos. S. Bradford.....	2 37
		<hr/> \$277 37

## NON-RESIDENT HIGHWAY TAXES.

1860

Feb. 25.	Paid E. G. Shute, non-resident highway taxes on list.....	\$ 3 33
27.	Wm. W. Bond.....	2 10
	D. P. Page.....	1 87
28.	Wm. W. Waterman.....	4 13
Mch. 10.	James Reed.....	4 15
17.	Samuel Adams.....	1 44
May 12.	John Parmerton.....	6 55
June 16.	Rufus Boyd.....	3 76
Sept. 4.	Stephen Reynolds.....	1 97
Nov. 25.	L. W. Beales.....	2 45
Dec. 28.	R. W. Adams .....	4 97

1861.

Feb. 9.	G. R. N. Sargent.....	87
14.	D. M. Emery.....	1 08
	Wm. N. Wilkinson .....	1 28
23.	Silas Proctor.....	3 40
	Benjamin Poor.....	2 00
	Isaac How .....	67
	Hiram Sargent.....	1 29
	Robert W. Thompson.....	1 12
	Robert T. Chase.....	1 57
	E. G. Shute, on tax list.....	27 94

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\$77 72

## ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

1860.			
Mch. 13.	Paid James Nesmith.....	\$ 3 08	
Sept. 27.	I. J. Proctor.....	4 37	
Nov. 2.	Heirs of D Hunt.....	1 68	
1861.			
Feb. 9.	Derry Bank.....	17 54	
14.	Alfred Wedge.....	3 22	
	James Reed.....	16 62	
22.	George Moor, 2d, adm'r J. Morrison,	1 75	
			\$48 26

## GRAVE YARD.

1860.			
June 15.	Paid P. B. Stevens, digging graves.....	\$34 50	
1861.			
Feb. 9.	L. Wilson.....	1 45	
24.	P. B. Stevens, digging graves.....	25 13	
28.	Eastman Bros., for tools.....	2 00	
	T. R. Robie.....	5 00	
			\$68 06

## BOOKS AND STATIONERY.

1860.			
April —.	Paid Wm. H. Fisk, tax collector's book..	\$ 1 50	
	B. W. Sanborn, tax book.....	2 50	
	G. P. Lyon, highway tax lists. ....	3 33	
May 19.	W. H. Fisk, collector's book.....	87	
Sept. 2.	W. H. Fisk, town reports and orders,	33 00	
1861.			
Feb. 25.	A. Reynolds, stationery and postage.	2 75	
			\$43 96

## TRANSIENT POOR.

1860.			
Mch. 10.	Paid S. B. Clarke (Kingston), support of child of James Jack.....	\$15 00	
12.	B. F. Gregg, board of Mrs. Caldwell,	8 50	
	M. A. Smith .....	1 50	
14.	Jas. W. Nesmith, house rent for fam- ily of Robert McMurphy.....	6 00	
June 1.	Dr. W. J. Campbell.....	3 00	
Sept. 2.	Town of Franklin, Shute child. ....	77 29	
	A. Reynolds, expense to Franklin....	3 36	
	G. W. Nesmith, advice Shute child..	1 00	
	Cross & Topliffe, " " ..	3 00	



	A. Reynolds, expense to Lowell.....	2 55
	A. Reynolds. do. to Manchester.....	56
1861.		
Feb. 2.	B. F. Gregg, Mrs. Caldwell.....	12 00
14.	I. A. Butterfield.....	3 00
23.	J. S. Couch, house rent Mrs. King...	8 00
	Wm. Farrow, attendance of wife, and supplies for Mrs. King.....	5 00
	Jas. C. Taylor, wood for Mrs. King,	4 00
	R. A. Clement.....	1 14
	Wm. Cochran, Mrs. Caldwell.....	12 50
	Charles C. Parker, supplies.....	9 50
	Eastman Bros., supplies Mrs. Major and Mr. Kimball.....	26 00
	J. T. G. Dinsmore.....	1 00
18.	Eastman Brothers, medicine for H. Campbell.....	60
	B. R. Sargent.....	1 00
		————— \$205 50

## EDUCATION.

1860.				
Mch. 19,	Pd Sch. house tax Dist. No. 4	....	40 00	
July 16,	" " "	3.....	40 00	
	" " "	4.....	45 00	
27,	" " "	9.....	33 00	
Aug. 4,	" " "	5.....	38 00	
10,	" " "	11.....	35 00	
11,	" " "	7.....	46 00	
Sept. 5,	" " "	2.....	72 00	
7,	" " "	8.....	60 00	
18,	" " "	6.....	68 52	
28,	" " "	1.....	100 00	
Oct. 27,	" " " (Chester)	.....	3 50	
Nov. 6,	" " " S. H. tax	8.....	50 00	
	" " "	12.....	69 19	
12,	" " "	11... ..	45 72	
Dec. 5,	" " "	5.....	28 39	
15,	" " "	10.....	29 21	
1861 22,	" " "	7 .....	79 89	
Jan. 2,	" " "	4 .....	72 74	

1572  
 3500  
 8372  
 7705  
 667

8,	"	"	"	9 .....	56 90
21,	"	"	"	3 .....	21 69
28,	"	"	"	8 .....	64 96
Feb. 9,	"	"	" S. H. tax	8 .....	106 97
	"	"	" S. H. tax	8 .....	20 42
23,	"	"	"	8 .....	122 61
	"	"	"	1 .....	120 23
28,	"	"	" S. H. tax	11 .....	10 00
					<hr/> \$1,479 94

## OUTSTANDING ORDERS.

1860.					
	Paid	outstanding orders for 1859 .....	315	45	
		State tax .....	401	10	
		County tax .....	836	69	
					<hr/> \$1,553 24

## INTEREST PAID.

1860.					
	Paid	Benj. Kimball .....			\$12 00

## ALMS HOUSE.

1860.					
April 9,	Paid	J. Montgomery 2 cows .....	\$59	50	
	"	" 1 " .....	30	00	
Nov. 2,	"	N. H. Brown supplies .....	15	79	
1861.					
Jan. 8,	"	J. Montgomery 4 cows .....	132	00	
3,	"	Wm. D. Clark .....	30	00	
	"	C. C. Parker supplies .....	26	73	
	"	J. P. Eaton pasturing cattle ..	20	00	
	"	Eastman Boothers supplies ..	76	63	
	"	Wm. Leach .....	10	98	
					<hr/> \$461 63

## N. H. INSANE ASYLUM.

1860.					
July 27,	Paid	N. H. I. Asylum G. Bond ....	87	92	
Jan. 14,	"	" S. Cowdery ...	112	57	
18,	"	" G. Bond .....	78	21	
					<hr/> \$278 70

## TOWN OFFICERS.

1860.

Mch. 27,	Paid A. Proctor Supt. School Com.	\$43 00
"	E. G. Shute col'ng taxes 1859.	43 17
"	Wm. H. Oram Treasurer.....	20 00
"	J. Montgomery Auditor.....	1 18

1861.

Mch. 27,	" Geo. W. Barker Town Clerk..	20 00
Feb. 25,	" A. Reynolds bal, Selectmen 1860	12 98
"	" " Selectmen 1861.....	69 76
28,	" J. Montgomery " " .....	52 50
"	Benj. F. Eastman " " .....	51 00
"	E. G. Shute Collector " .....	49 98

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 \$363 52

E. G. SHUTE, COLLECTOR OF TAXES,

Dr.

1861.	To balance tax list, 1859.....	\$1,466 34
	Amount tax list, 1860.....	5,301 33

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 \$6,767 67

Cr.

By amount paid on list 1859.....	\$1,237 79
" " " 1860.....	2,990 88
Bal. uncollected taxes 1861.....	2,539 00

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 \$6,767 67

WM. H. ORAM, TREASURER,

Dr.

1861.	To Balance in Treasury, 1860.....	\$ 128 45
	Cash received E. G. Shute, Collector...	2,990 88
"	" " Town of Salem.....	12 35
"	" " Selectmen hired money...	400 00
"	" " Railroad Tax.....	175 23
"	" " Literary Fund.....	137 00
"	" " Selectmen.....	105 00
"	" " County.....	290 25
"	" " County (1860).....	563 18

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 \$4,802 34

Cr.

By paid outstanding Orders.....	\$ 315 45
Orders .....	4,039 08
Cash in Treasury.....	447 81

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 \$4,802 34

## MISCELLANEOUS.

1860.			
Feb.	Paid E. G. Shute, guaranteeing taxes.....	\$15 00	
Mch.	E. G. Shute, printing tax bills.....	2 00	
Aprl.	Goodale & Farnsworth, check lists.....	5 50	
1861.			
Jan.	Jas. Ayer, damage from defect in highway	9 00	
Feb.	J. G. Goodwin.....	65	
	Stephen Reynolds, work on hall and tomb,	4 00	
	Eben Cogswell, cleaning and care of hall,	7 25	
28.	Wm. Farrow, repairs on hall.....	1 40	
	A. Proctor, surveying school house lot		
	District No. 11.....	50	
	John Gregg, wood for hall.....	4 00	
	C. C. Parker, oil and stationery, 1859....	2 42	
	G. C. Bartlett, legal service.....	10 00	
	Eastman Bros., glass for hall.....	46	
	E. G. Shute, tax bills.....	2 50	
			\$64 68

## NOTES PAYABLE.

1856.			
	Sept. 15, Lorenzo Kimball.....	150 00	
	24, Lilly Cochran.....	42 00	
1857.			
	Aug. 11, Margaret Adams.....	861 00	
	11, Ithamer Hubbard.....	100 00	
1859.			
	Aug. 11, Sarah Moore.....	458 40	
	Feb. 22, Geo. N. Warner.....	716 83	
	April 3, Benj. Kimball.....	200 00	
	25, Geo. Moor.....	52 47	
	25, " ".....	203 17	
	Nov. 1, Betsey Stinson.....	128 26	
	Jennett Humphrey.....	210 00	
	Benj. Barker.....	100 00	
	Alexis Proctor.....	400 00	
			\$3,712 13
			\$380 62
1860—	Sept. 12. Amount of interest on above notes,		

## PAYMENTS.

1860.		
	Snow path bills.....	887 97
	Roads and bridges.....	277 37



Non-resident h. w. taxes.....	77 72
Abatement of taxes.....	48 26
Grave yard account.....	68 08
Books and stationery.....	43 95
Transient poor.....	205 50
Education.....	1,479 94
Interest paid.....	12 00
Armshouse account.....	401 63
Insane asylum.....	278 70
Town officers.....	363 52
Miscellaneous.....	64 68
Outstanding orders.....	315 45
State tax.....	401 10
County tax.....	836 69
Cash in treasury.....	448 68
	<hr/> \$6,211 24

## RECEIPTS.

1860.

By cash in treasury.....	128 45
E. G. Shute collector (1860).....	2,990 88
" " " (1859).....	1,237 79
Town of Salem.....	12 35
Hired for use of town.....	400 00
Railroad tax.....	175 23
Literary Fund.....	137 00
of selectmen.....	105 00
of County, pauper account 1859.....	563 18
" " " 1860.....	290 25
Outstanding orders.....	171 11
	<hr/> \$6,211 24

## TOWN OF DERRY BALANCE SHEET.

DR.

To amount notes payable.....	\$3,712 13
" " interest due.....	380 62
Outstanding orders.....	171 11
	<hr/> \$4,263 86

CR.

By uncollected taxes.....	\$2,539 00
Cash invested in liquors.....	80 00
" in treasury.....	447 81
Amount due from H. P. Hood.....	47 97

“ “ “ Chas. Copp.....	2 00
“ Town debt.....	1,147 08
	<hr/> \$4,263 86

J. MONTGOMERY, } *Selectmen*  
 BEN. F. EASTMAN, } *of Derry.*

I, the undersigned Auditor, have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast, and satisfactory vouchers corresponding thereto.

W. W. POOR, Auditor.

INVOICE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT ALMS HOUSE FEB.  
 27, 1861.

1 pair oxen.....	80 00
14 cows.. ..	350 00
2 young cattle.....	30 00
1 horse.....	50 00
3 sheep.....	9 00
Hay.....	225 00
3 swine.....	25 00
Ox wagon and Carts.....	35 00
Plows and harrows.....	15 00
Sled &c.....	8 00
Yokes and chains.....	10 00
Shovels and forks.....	4 00
Farming mill and ladders.....	6 00
Pulley blocks &c.....	2 00
Carriage harness, &c.....	8 00
Waggon and sleigh.....	30 00
Hay cutter and horse rake.....	12 00
Axes, iron bars &c.....	10 00
4 saws and other tools, ...	3 00
Lumber on hand.....	15 00
Wood “ “ ..	75 00
Potatoes and other roots.....	85 00
Beef pork and ham.....	75 00
Butter.....	8 00
Lard and tallow.....	10 00
Soap.....	10 00
Cider and vinegar.....	30 00

Apples.....	3 00
Dried apples.....	10 00
Fish &c.....	2 00
Corn.....	70 00
Rye, oats and barley.....	10 00
Flour and meal.....	10 00
Grind stone and hay tools.....	7 00
Buffalo robe.....	3 00
	<hr/> \$1,335 00

## ALMS HOUSE BALANCE SHEET.

DR.

To amount drawn from treasury.....	\$401 63
“ bills paid by Superintendent.....	261 57
“ personal property at Alms House Feb. 1860.....	1,455 00
balance of salary of Superintendent.....	177 68
	<hr/> \$2,295 88

CR.

By amount sold by Superintendent from farm	\$401 44
pair oxen sold.....	125 00
amount for support of County poor.....	236 81
“ from H. P. Hood.....	47 97
“ “ Chas. Copp.....	2 00
“ personal property at Alms House Feb. 1861.....	1,335 00
bal. being actual expense at Alms House.	147 66
	<hr/> \$2,295 88

Agreeably to instruction we herewith respectfully submit our report of the financial affairs of the Town.

At the close of last year the town debt was \$1,525 30, it is now, as shown by the balance sheet \$1,147 08, being a reduction of \$378 22 from that of last year.

There are still unsettled claims for breaking roads which may equal and perhaps exceed those left unpaid in the account of last year.

From the balance sheet in the Alms House account you will see that the expense there to the town has been \$147 66, which is about equal to the reduction made in the value of personal property from the appraisal of last year, which from depreciation in value, we thought it just to make at this time, although a part of the property, particularly the grain and stock, will compare favorably with that of last year.

All of which we respectfully submit.

JOSEPH MONTGOMERY, } *Selectmen*  
BENJ. F. EASTMAN, } *of Derry.*





# REPORT

OF THE

## SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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In obedience to law and conformity to custom the Superintending School Committee of the town of Derry, for the year ending March 11th 1861, submit the following Report :

### DISTRICT NO. 1.

SUMMER TERM.—S. A. M. Alexander, Teacher.

Irregularity of attendance on the part of a number of pupils was a serious obstacle to the progress of the school. The “regulars” at the final examination gave evidence of commendable interest in their studies, by prompt responses to the “whys” and “wherefores.” The first class in written arithmetic and the first class in grammar made the most marked progress of any classes connected with the school. There are too many infants sent to this school ; a custom so injurious to the children themselves and so prejudicial to the best good of the entire school should be discontinued at once and forever.

The winter term, according to the teacher’s report, sped on smoothly, much of the usual labor of the school room being obviated by the co-operation and gentlemanly bearing of a class of young men attending as pupils.

### DISTRICT NO. 2.

SUMMER TERM.—Miss Eliza A. Dustin, Teacher.

The effect of superior scholarship upon the Teacher’s part was manifested in the accuracy of the pupils in the various recitations at the examination. The reading classes improved rapidly—a fact which invariably determines the character and relative value of a school. The Committee is happy to congratulate this District upon the success of a vigorous discipline, resulting in quelling insubordination, and “bringing order out of Anarchy.”

## WINTER TERM.—Mr. Joseph Clark, Teacher.

This school is still in session. The good order and studious habits of the school, at the last visit of the Committee, were symptomatic of an interest in the duties of the school room, which must result in an improved state of the school, creditable to the Teacher and pupils.

## DISTRICT NO. 3.

## SUMMER AND WINTER TERMS.—Miss Hannah J. Marshall, Teacher.

This was Miss Marshall's first attempt at teaching, and her success in both instructing and governing, is evidence of her adaptedness to the work. All the classes were well taught. The class in mental arithmetic and the class in primary geography are deserving of a special notice for their rapid progress. Quite a large number of the pupils were neither absent nor tardy during either term. A district containing the elements of so good a school as this possesses, ought to have a better school house.

## DISTRICT NO. 4.

## SUMMER AND WINTER TERMS.—Miss Maria H. Hildreth, Teacher.

Miss Hildreth has been long engaged in the work of teaching, and brought to her school, by familiar acquaintance with the duties of the teacher, a strong guaranty for success. During the Summer term she succeeded in awakening a good degree of interest among the pupils. The average attendance was unusually large, and the general progress and decorum of the school highly commendable. The winter term was beneficial to a portion of the scholars. In no district in our town is there a deeper interest felt in all matters pertaining to education. And under the circumstances this school should rank among the first in town in point of scholarship.

## DISTRICT NO. 5.

## SUMMER TERM.—Miss Martha J. Storer, Teacher.

Miss Storer labored faithfully for the improvement of the school under her charge, and her efforts were crowned with a gratifying success.

No school at the outset made a more unfavorable impression upon the mind of the Committee, but before its close a little of the spirit of the nineteenth century breathed upon the school, causing the closing exercise to be lively and interesting. A manifest improvement was apparent not only in the various studies, but in the general decorum of the schoolroom.

WINTER TERM.—Miss Margaret J. Hughes, Teacher.

This was Miss Hughes' first attempt to teach. She commenced under rather unpleasant circumstances; a backward school and a miserable house destitute of all modern improvements. In such cases no one can reasonably expect much progress, yet the teacher's labors were not wholly in vain. Some of her scholars made the best use of their opportunities and appeared to have a good understanding of the work they had accomplished during the term. It is devoutly to be wished that better facilities for obtaining an education may soon be afforded the children living in the District.

#### DISTRICT NO. 6.

BORN TERMS, taught by Miss Nellie C. Parker.

This district was fortunate in securing the services of so thorough and systematic a teacher. Everything was well done. Great improvement was made by all the classes, but the reading of some of the younger scholars gave the fullest evidence of what an earnest teacher can accomplish.

#### DISTRICT NO. 7.

SUMMER TERM.—Miss Lorinda E. Cass, Teacher.

The instructions of Miss Cass were somewhat wanting in that energy which characterizes the live teacher, and a corresponding apathy was manifest in most of the classes. One class in geography, however, passed a creditable examination; and the class in mental arithmetic appeared interested in the study. The reading classes were faulty in pronunciation and inflection. In the opinion of the committee, this term was not so advantageous to the school as it should have been.

## WINTER TERM.—Mr. Moses Johnson, Teacher.

Mr. Johnson commenced with the determination of having an orderly school, and in the highest sense he was successful. Having secured the blessings of a still room, and proper decorum, teacher and pupils went to work with commendable vigor and enthusiasm. The improvement in reading was highly gratifying—heretofore this school has been sadly deficient in this branch, making the change all the more desirable. The writing books showed care and neatness. Throughout all the exercises there was evidence of practical and systematic instruction, upon the part of the teacher, and a hearty co-operation upon the part of the taught.

## DISTRICT NO. 8.

## SUMMER TERM.—Miss Lacey J. Clark, Teacher.

Miss Clark's mode of government was mild and persuasive. Having the hearty and earnest co-operation of the parents, and the good will and respect of her pupils, a successful and profitable school was an inevitable result. One leading excellence of the instructions, was the care taken to give to every class its due portion of time and attention. Consequently at the examination there were no *specialities*, but a *general* demonstration of improvement.

## WINTER TERM.—Miss H. M. Haselton, Teacher.

This was emphatically a *good* school. Orderly, studious and enthusiastic. Everything arranged with a precision, which experience alone can inaugurate. One of the most pleasing features of the school was the accuracy of the reading classes in giving proper pronunciations and bestowing appropriate emphasis. A large class in history added much to the interest of the closing exercises. More attention should be paid to this branch by all our schools. Much credit is due this school for reviving an interest in this most important science.

## DISTRICT NO. 9.

## SUMMER TERM.—Miss Harriet S. Holmes, Teacher.

In many respects this was a *model* school. Taking into consideration either the order of the school-room, or the relative progress of the



various classes, the school had few equals and no superiors. The whole school was brought up to a high standard in point of both decorum and exactness in recitation. It is sufficient evidence of the value of such a school, that there were no failures at the examination.

WINTER TERM.—Mr. W. B. Clark, Teacher.

Mr. Clark labored earnestly and conscientiously for the interest of his charge. One of the leading excellences of his instructions was the defining of words, an exercise which he judiciously carried into all the branches taught in the school. Some faint hearts failed to appear at the closing exercises, but the pupils who were present did themselves and their teacher much credit by their promptness and accuracy in answering the many questions of the teacher and committee.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

Miss Hannab E. Irving, Teacher.

In a school where the average attendance is only seven, the house a venerable relic, and the length of the school but nine weeks for the whole year, there can be but few data for a report. Miss Irving perhaps accomplished all that could be expected under the circumstances. Whether there could not be some way devised to give the children in this district better and longer schools, is a matter which should receive the attention of the legal voters residing in the district.

DISTRICT NO. 11.

BOTH TERMS taught by Miss Mary F. Webster.

The school was injured by the irregular attendance of a number of the pupils—the school-house an evidence of the “wreck of matter.” These are discouraging circumstances to any teacher. At the first visit of the committee the restlessness of the younger pupils, caused by the impure air of the room, in part, and in part by want of a definite idea of what the school was for, plainly indicated that no very advantageous results would be reached by any teacher in such a room. Towards the latter part of the second term there was a manifest improvement in the order of the school-room, and a marked improvement in the habits of

study. Under favorable circumstances undoubtedly Miss Webster's school would have made a fair amount of progress.

#### DISTRICT NO. 12.

BOTH TERMS taught by Miss Eliza J. Rogers.

Miss Rogers had a small, but pleasant and profitable school. Being the first school ever attempted by the teacher, there were necessarily some faults in the mode of instruction, which experience will rectify. A fair amount of progress was made by the school, and the order at the several visits of the committee was generally commendable.

## STATISTICS OF THE SEVERAL SCHOOLS.

No. of District.	TEACHERS.				No of weeks.	Wages per month including board.	Whole No. of scholars attending over 2 weeks.	Average attendance.	No. of males.	No. of females.
SUMMER SCHOOL 1860.										
1	S. A. M. Alexander, -				16	\$18	50	43		
2	E. A. Dustin, - -				16	18	60	48		
3	H. J. Marshall, - -				11	15	27	22		
4	M. H. Hildreth, - -				10	no ret'n	58	43		
5	M. J. Storer, - -				9	16	26	22		
6	M. C. Parker, - -				16	17	17	16		
7	L. E. Cass, - -				12	14	28	21		
8	L. J. Clark, - -				12	15	41	33		
9	H. S. Holmes, - -				8	16	23	20		
10	H. E. Irving, - -				9	12	10	7		
11	M. F. Webster, - -				9	14	24	20		
12	E. J. Rogers, - -				9	15	15	13		
WINTER SCHOOL 1860 and 61.										
1	B. Warner, - -				12	38	51	44		
2	J. Clark, - -				16	35	47	30		
3	H. J. Marshall, - -				10	16	19	15		
4	M. H. Hildreth, - -				10	22½	50	41		
5	M. J. Hughes, - -				7½	15	22	19		
6	Included in Summer School.									
7	M. Johnson, - -				11	38	32	24		
8	H. M. Haselton, - -				11	24	50	40		
9	W. B. Clark, - -				9	26	18	no ret'n		
10	Included in Summer School.									
11	M. F. Webster, - -				9	14	22	17		
12	E. J. Rogers, - -				10	15	15	11		

## GENERAL REMARKS.

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Your Committee deemed it advisable to make a change in the reading books heretofore in use in our schools. The success everywhere attending the use of Town & Holbrook's series of readers and the improvement in those schools in our own town, which have tested them the past winter, is sufficient evidence of the expediency of the change. It is very desirable that these readers be used in *all* our schools. Too much care cannot be bestowed upon exercises for reading in the school room. The sentences should be faultless in grammatical and rhetorical construction and entirely free from all party and sectarian bias. That these matters are so often overlooked is evidence of culpable neglect.

Most of our schools are needing new Outline Maps. The recent discoveries in Africa have rendered the maps of that continent now in use entirely worthless. Most of the maps of the United States are many years behind the times. Isothermal lines; the limits of the more important botanical and zoological zones; the location and direction of oceanic currents and other natural lines and divisions should be accurately marked upon the maps for the school room. Your Committee would recommend to the several districts to take measures to procure new series for the schools at the earliest season practicable. Probably every teacher and parent interested in the matter has been surprised at the fact that no written arithmetic has yet been found fitted to the wants of the scholar, when taking the first steps with slate and pencil. The scholar finishes Colburn, and at examination covers himself with a blaze of glory. The next term he commences with slate and pencil, but notwithstanding the brilliant promise of success, experience will justify the assertion, that in nine cases out of ten, during many months the scholar intellectually continues dragging out a miserable existence. Now here is a radical evil, a wrong which should be examined and carefully righted. In the opinion of your Committee, the long parrot drills and the seemingly brilliant success of "the only faultless text-book," so far as practical benefits are concerned, have proved miserable failures. A brighter day will dawn upon our schools when this and many other things which have long stood in the school



room, as though magnetized and fossilized by a touch of the "nursery blarney stone" shall make their exit to return no more forever.

TEACHERS.—Family matters should never influence in the selection of a teacher. It is not an act of *charity*, therefore home is not the place to begin. More of the schools during the winter terms should have male teachers. Only a very few of our female teachers are competent to instruct, much less to govern our winter schools. The several districts should attend to this matter at their annual meetings. Two great faults exist among teachers here, as elsewhere: *ignorance* and *laziness*. The successful teacher must be a rigid student, always remembering that stagnation in his own intellect will produce a corresponding apathy in the minds of his pupils. He should come before his classes full of the subject under consideration. If it is geography he should not rest merely upon answers from the text-books, but he should be able and willing to bring before his class in simple language, general systems and the wonders and peculiarities of those "compensating" influences that make the life of our planet. In whatever science he is called to conduct a recitation, if his knowledge never escapes the prison of the book cover, his teachings will not have even the fair appearance of the apples of Sodom. There is a journal published in this State devoted to the cause of education, which should be found upon every teacher's table and in every school room in the State. The teacher who thinks to succeed in these days without aids of this kind, is little better than an antediluvian fossil, bearing the form of life yet unimpressible even by galvanism. To the inexperienced teacher especially, this periodical is invaluable.

One common practice in all our districts though venerable from its age, ought at once and forever to be discontinued. It is the "going over process." It is not stating the matter too broadly, in the opinion of your Committee, to say—that at least, one third of the time which most of our scholars spend in the common school is by this process nearly wasted. If the same practice prevailed in our academies and colleges, few men would live long enough to graduate. As long a period of time is now spent in our schools in mastering written arithmetic, as is required in our higher seminaries to complete the usual course of mathematics. Each term the progress of the various classes should be noted down, and at the commencement of the succeeding term, instead of turning to the first pages of the various text books—a practice now almost universal—the classes should go on from the Point reached the preceding term. Your Committee would recom-

commend to the various districts the placing upon the teacher's desks a suitable book and insisting upon the recording of the progress of each class from term to term. This method would be the means of driving many worthless superficial teachers out of the profession, "a consummation devoutly to be wished." It would also lead to stronger efforts upon the part of the pupils. If any better method can be devised to correct the evil, your Committee would be glad to see it in operation. That some remedy should be applied is patent to all.

A healthful moral influence should pervade in all our schools. Vice in its incipient stages should here be checked. While the physical organs are growing into robustness and the mental powers are developing, the higher qualities and finer sensibilities of our nature should not be overlooked. The whole being should be progressing. The common school should ever be the nursery of virtue, and the strong bulwark of truth and exalted patriotism.

BENJAMIN WARNER,

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

REPORT  
OF THE SELECTMEN,  
AND THE  
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
TOWN OF DERRY,  
FOR THE  
YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1862.

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1862.





# SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

## SNOW PATHS.

1861.			Cr.
March	2.	E. P. Esty, - - - - -	\$30 69
"	"	D. P. Page, - - - - -	13 68
"	"	Nathaniel Warner, - - - - -	28 63
"	"	Wm. Ela, - - - - -	14 40
"	"	S. Pillsbury, - - - - -	24 66
"	"	Geo. I. Choate, - - - - -	19 75
"	"	Geo. A. Goodhue, - - - - -	8 63
"	"	D. M. Emery, - - - - -	37 72
"	"	S. Reynolds, - - - - -	31 82
"	"	L. W. Beals, - - - - -	41 53
"	9.	R. Clendennin, - - - - -	6 49
"	"	A. D. Jenness, - - - - -	74 10
"	12.	J. A. Cooms, - - - - -	3 00
"	"	J. Herriek, - - - - -	27 72
"	"	W. N. Wilkenson, - - - - -	7 14
April	12.	L. W. Beals, - - - - -	8 00
"	"	I. How, - - - - -	17 48
"	"	G. R. N. Sargent, - - - - -	6 96
"	22.	Benjamin Poor, - - - - -	11 87
"	29.	J. Kelsey, - - - - -	24 21
"	"	S. Proctor, - - - - -	14 27
May	7.	J. F. Cooms, - - - - -	3 38
"	11.	R. Boyd, - - - - -	6 58
June	12.	Charles Clyde, - - - - -	8 25
July	5.	Samuel Pillsbury, - - - - -	4 44
"	8.	J. Y. James, - - - - -	9 48
"	11.	Geo. A. Goodhue, - - - - -	9 18
Aug.	14.	William Reynolds, - - - - -	11 87
"	19.	George Moor, - - - - -	16 08
Oct.	22.	S. Reynolds, - - - - -	23 35
1862.			
Jan.	16.	R. T. Chase, - - - - -	12 42
"	"	Samuel Wilson, - - - - -	14 24

Feb.	2.	A. D. Dennis,	-	-	-	-	-	15 87
"	8.	R. W. Thompson,	-	-	-	-	-	6 96
"	"	R. W. Adams,	-	-	-	-	-	5 50
"	"	D. M. Emery,	-	-	-	-	-	13 84
"	15.	J. C. Drew,	-	-	-	-	-	2 88
"	"	H. Bond,	-	-	-	-	-	5 16
"	"	J. Herrick,	-	-	-	-	-	14 00
"	"	N. A. Bray,	-	-	-	-	-	4 32
"	22.	S. Proctor,	-	-	-	-	-	1 32
"	"	Wm. Reynolds,	-	-	-	-	-	4 87
"	"	Wm. N. Wilkinson,	-	-	-	-	-	4 06
"	"	H. Johnson,	-	-	-	-	-	7 41
"	"	William W. Cook,	-	-	-	-	-	5 40
"	"	Geo. I. Choate,	-	-	-	-	-	4 46
"	"	N. M. Taylor,	-	-	-	-	-	2 50
"	"	T. S. Bradford,	-	-	-	-	-	15 75
"	"	E. Esty,	-	-	-	-	-	8 37
"	"	M. G. Steele, Winter of 61 and 2,	-	-	-	-	-	9 54
"	"	S. Boynton,	-	-	-	-	-	4 44
"	"	J. Boynton,	-	-	-	-	-	5 28
"	"	A. Proctor,	-	-	-	-	-	5 82
"	"	R. Taylor,	-	-	-	-	-	19 02
"	"	I. H. Jones,	-	-	-	-	-	27 36
"	"	T. Wheeler,	-	-	-	-	-	22 89
"	"	A. Boyd,	-	-	-	-	-	4 64
"	"	C. Choate,	-	-	-	-	-	8 82
"	"	J. Patten,	-	-	-	-	-	6 60
"	"	B. Barker,	-	-	-	-	-	7 76
"	"	Wm. Reynolds,	-	-	-	-	-	22 74
"	"	H. Johnson,	-	-	-	-	-	24 53
"	"	J. Hemphill,	-	-	-	-	-	3 96
"	"	J. Morse,	-	-	-	-	-	22 08
"	"	J. C. Taylor,	-	-	-	-	-	10 38
"	"	Wm. C. Humphrey,	-	-	-	-	-	23 25
"	"	J. Parker,	-	-	-	-	-	7 25
"	"	Peter T. Horne, (1861.)	-	-	-	-	-	12 50

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 \$932 31

### N. R. HIGHWAY TAXES.

1861.

March	2.	Paid E. P. Esty,	-	-	-	-	\$1 67
"	"	D. P. Page,	-	-	-	-	1 74
"	"	George A. Goodhue,	-	-	-	-	3 69
"	"	A. D. Jenness,	-	-	-	-	40
Sept.	27.	Robert Taylor,	-	-	-	-	2 79

Oct.	"	J. Boynton,	-	-	-	-	1 33
Dec.	2.	I. H. Jones,	-	-	-	-	2 68
"	17.	Geo. McKenney,	-	-	-	-	1 89
1862.							
Feb.	8.	Joseph Leach,	-	-	-	-	5 96
"	"	Thadeus Wheeler,	-	-	-	-	93
"	15.	S. F. Taylor,	-	-	-	-	2 35
"	"	H. Bond,	-	-	-	-	72
"	"	J. H. Waterman,	-	-	-	-	3 11
"	22.	A. Boyd,	-	-	-	-	7 15
"	"	J. Memphill,	-	-	-	-	1 77
March	3.	E. G. Shute,	-	-	-	-	43 82

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 \$51 59

## ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

1861.							
March	2.	Paid Nancy Morrill,	-	-	-	-	\$5 11
"	"	Geo. N. Kimball,	-	-	-	-	3 94
"	9.	M. Morse,	-	-	-	-	2 11
"	"	Enoch Evans,	-	-	-	-	1 75
May	25.	E. G. Shute, (on list of 1859,)	-	-	-	-	30 31
"	"	" (S. H. Tax, No. 11,)	-	-	-	-	277 59
"	"	Benjamin Kimball,	-	-	-	-	1 50
Dec.	31.	G. A. Goodhue,	-	-	-	-	2 00

1862.							
Jan.	11.	D. Ladd,	-	-	-	-	2 79
Feb.	22.	William Moor,	-	-	-	-	4 74
"	"	Samuel C. Bayley,	-	-	-	-	2 73
"	"	Jacob Bartell,	-	-	-	-	1 81
"	"	Susan Hanson,	-	-	-	-	53
"	"	James Dorr,	-	-	-	-	3 56
"	"	James Miltimore,	-	-	-	-	1 75
"	7.	Nancy Morrill,	-	-	-	-	5 28
March	3.	E. G. Shute, (S. H. Dist. No. 11,)	-	-	-	-	43 83

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 \$391 33

## ROADS AND BRIDGES.

1861.							
March	2.	George I. Choate,	-	-	-	-	\$2 60
"	"	R. J. Hopkins,	-	-	-	-	4 50
"	9.	S. Adams,	-	-	-	-	4 48
"	13.	Wm. N. Wilkinson,	-	-	-	-	62
Sept.	27.	R. Rogers, Jr.,	-	-	-	-	11 00
"	"	R. Taylor,	-	-	-	-	16 10
"	"	J. Boynton,	-	-	-	-	2 00

Nov.	1.	Wm. S. Messerve,	-	-	-	2 22
1862.						1 00
Jan.	6.	M. Sargent,	-	-	-	15 42
"	31.	W. W. Poor, (plank,)	-	-	-	3 58
"	"	S. Floyd, (Goodhue Road.)	-	-	-	6 68
"	"	(Court cost on Goodhue Road.)	-	-	-	9 25
Feb.	8.	G. A. Goodhue, (Goodhue Road,)	-	-	-	1 59
"	"	P. C. Myrick,	"	-	-	2 10
"	"	P. Taylor,	"	-	-	3 25
"	"	D. C. King,	"	-	-	3 50
"	15.	J. Montgomery,	"	-	-	2 37
"	"	H. Bond,	-	-	-	13 79
"	"	Wm. C. Humphrey,	-	-	-	1 25
"	"	James Rogers,	-	-	-	6 00
"	"	Samuel Marshall,	-	-	-	1 47
"	"	N. M. Taylor,	-	-	-	
						<hr/> \$109 40

## TRANSIENT POOR.

1861.						\$8 00
March	2.	D. M. Emery, wood for H. M. Campbell,				3 00
"	"	Alonzo Kimball,				9 80
"	9.	C. C. Parker, supplies to Kimball,				19 80
"	"	Nathaniel Brown, wood for G. Alexander,				2 50
"	"	Geo. Shute, (Shute Child,)				3 11
"	"	Nathaniel Brown, Supplies to Wid. King,				2 00
"	"	Kimball Family, car fare,				15 34
"	"	S. Eastman Bros., supplies Wide. King and Clough,				20 00
Aug.	23.	D. Haynes, Shute Child,				19 00
Dec.	17.	H. P. Hood, wood to Mrs. M. Murphy,				
1862.						45 43
Jan.	21.	Eastman Bros., supplies to Mrs. Parker,				9 80
"	22.	G. F. Adams, supplies to Kate Kelly,				11 35
"	"	Town of Chester, assistance to H. King,				22 50
Feb.	7.	D. Haynes, Shute Child,				9 34
"	"	Eastman Bros., Mrs. King and Jack,				26 00
"	22.	Wm. Cochran, board of Mrs. Caldwell,				4 50
"	"	B. F. Sargent, conveying poor,				6 15
"	"	C. C. Parker, supplies,				
						<hr/> \$537 62

## EDUCATION.

1861.						\$145 16
March	9.	Paid District No. 2,				



July	15.	"	"	"	4,	15 00
"	22.	"	"	"	5,	35 00
"	24.	"	"	"	8,	55 00
"	26,	"	"	"	7,	33 00
"	27,	"	"	"	11,	52 00
Aug.	3,	"	"	"	9,	35 00
"	14,	"	"	"	3,	40 00
Sept.	13,	"	"	"	2,	72 00
Oct.	3,	"	"	"	6,	63 35
"	17,	"	"	"	12,	66 70
"	"	"	"	"	1,	125 00
Nov.	4,	Town of Chester,				4 00
"	13,	"	"	No. 5,		28 07
Dec.	2,	"	"	" 3,		18 48
"	12,	"	"	" 7,		76 07
"	31,	"	"	" 4,		86 16
1862.						
Jan.	4,	"	"	" 10,		27 21
"	31,	"	"	" 9,		58 28
Feb.	3,	"	"	" 8,		70 75
"	8,	Town of Salem,				5 42
"	22,	"	"	" No. 2,		156 51
"	24,	"	"	" 1,		108 36
						<hr/> \$1,406 53

## GRAVE YARD.

1861.						
Feb. 8.	Dec. J. Humphrey, repairing gates,					\$10 23
" "	P. B. Stevens, digging graves,					50 70
						<hr/> \$60 93

## BOOKS AND STATIONERY.

1861.						
April 27.	Wm. H. Fisk, town report,					\$26 00
May 30.	" " tax book and bills,					3 12
1862.						
Feb. 21.	Eastman Bros.,					3 17
March 3.	E. G. Shute, tax bills,					1 50
						<hr/> \$33 79
						<hr/> \$109 40

## INTEREST PAID.

1861.						
April 22.	Mrs. B. Kimball,					\$12 00

## ALMSHOUSE.

1861.		
April 12.	Wm. C. Humphrey, boot between oxen.	\$50 00
Aug. 12.	Cash from Treasury, for 100 bush. corn,	59 70
Oct. 26.	S. Reynolds,	4 74
Nov. 7.	Order on Treas.,	22 75
Nov. 25.	" "	20 00
Dec. 17.	S. J. Clark, Private School,	2 25
" "	Wm. H. Oram,	2 00
1862.		
Feb. 15.	James H. Crombie,	20 00
" "	Couch & Merrill,	3 83
" 21.	Eastman Bros., supplies,	72 20
" "	L. Wilson,	3 00
" "	I. Howe, supplies,	18 37
" "	C. C. Parker,	55 36
" "	Geo. F. Adams,	39 87
" "	D. Stinson, salary \$250 less the bal., \$67 87, due on settlement,	182 13
March 3.	Wm. Leach, supplies,	13 11
" "	John Folsom,	37 26
" "	P. J. Horne, grain and plaster,	20 10
" "	H. Hays, medical attendance, 1860,	26 00
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		\$646 68

## N. H. INSANE ASYLUM.

1861.		
April 29.	J. G. Bond,	\$30 50
Nov. 7.	" "	61 02
Feb. 7.	" "	36 80
" "	Sarah Cowday,	110 53
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		\$238 85

## TOWN OFFICERS.

1861.		
March 2.	Wm. H. Oram, Treas.,	20 00
" "	Wm. W. Poor, Auditor,	1 13
" 8.	Benj. Warner,	40 00
1862.		
March 1.	Geo. W. Barker, Clerk,	20 00
" "	Ira W. Ring,	5 00
" 3.	E. G. Shute, col. of taxes,	49 85
" "	J. Montgomery, bal. selectmen, 1860,	9 00

March 2.	Benj. F. Eastman, " " "	9 00
" "	J. Montgomery, selectman,	63 00
" "	B. F. Eastman, " "	75 50
" "	Wm. C. Ela, " "	38 00
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		\$330 53

*E. G. Shute Collector of Taxes.*

		Dr.
1862.	To balance of Tax list, 1860, - - -	\$2,539 00
"	Amount of tax list, 1861, - - -	5,401 27
"	Railroad tax, received, - - -	141 15
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		\$8,081 42

*Per Contra.*

By paid on tax lists, - - - -	\$4,934 47
Balance uncollected taxes, - - -	3,146 95
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	\$8,081 42

*William H. Oram, Treasurer.*

1851.		Dr.
March 2.	Cash in Treasury, - - -	\$148 68
" "	Received of E. G. Shute,	3,628 05
" "	Selectmen borrowed money,	1,520 00
" "	Literary Fund, - - -	132 00
" "	of County, - - -	455 51
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		\$6,184 24

Cr.

By paid outstanding orders, - - - -	\$171 11
" Orders, - - - - -	5,415 78
" Cash on hand, - - - -	597 35
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	\$6,184 24

MISCELLANEOUS.

1861.		
April 9.	Wm. S. Abbott, (Institute.)	\$22 92
June 3	School House Tax, Dis. No. 11,	10 60
Nov. 25.	B. F. Eastman, wood for Town Hall,	4 37
Dec. 31.	E. Adams, watering trough,	3 00
Feb. 22.	E. Cogswell, care of Hall,	7 87
March 3.	G. C. Bartlett, court fees on Goodline road, - - - -	12 00

March 3.	" "	Legal service,	8 00
" "	" "	School House tax, Dist. No. 11,	325 00
" "	" "	" " " No. 8,	234 83
" "	" "	Dr. Hays, Liquor Agent,	13 50
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			\$644 24

## NOTES PAYABLE.

1856.			
Sept. 24.	Lilly Cochran,	\$42 00	
1857.			
Aug. 11.	Margaret Adams,	861 00	
" "	I. Hubbard,	100 00	
1859.			
Aug. 11.	Sarah Moor,	458 40	
Feb. 22.	Geo. N. Warner,	716 83	
April 3.	Mrs. Benj. Kimball,	200 00	
" 25.	Geo. Moor,	52 47	
" "	" "	293 17	
Nov. 1.	Jennett Humphrey,	210 00	
" "	Benj. Barker,	100 00	
" "	Alexis Proctor,	400 00	
1861.			
July 18.	Geo. Moor,	500 00	
Sept. 4.	" "	500 00	
1862.			
Jan.	Nathaniel Ripley,	300 00	
"	Geo. Barker,	120 00	
"	J. Hubbard,	100 00	
March,	Interest due on above notes,	641 26	
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			\$5,595 13

## NOTES PAID.

1862.		
Jan 28.	B. Stenson's heirs,	\$145 80
Feb. 8.	B. Barker, (received on note,)	25 00
" 15.	Lorenzo Kimball,	217 33
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		\$388 13

## GOVERNMENT SERVICE.

1861.		
July 4.	J. C. Sawyer,	\$15 00



July 8.	B. F. Rowe,	15 00
" "	Chas. Mahaffee,	10 00
Aug. 5.	Geo. B. Tuttle,	21 25
" 10.	N. H. Brown,	10 00
" "	N. F. Flanders,	12 00
" "	Joseph Arnold,	10 00
" "	Wm. Major,	36 23
" 14.	L. G. Pilsbury,	30 00
" 15.	J. C. Sawyer,	17 00
" 20.	A. D. W. Emerson,	30 00
" 26.	H. P. Clarke,	30 00
" 31.	N. F. Flanders,	12 00
Sept. 2.	J. C. Sawyer,	15 00
" 3.	N. H. Brown,	10 00
" 21.	H. Tilton,	13 00
" 26.	John Christy,	12 00
" "	G. B. Tuttle,	10 00
" 27.	Chas. Mahaffee,	20 00
Oct. 4.	G. B. Tuttle,	10 00
" 5.	N. F. Flanders,	12 00
" 7.	J. C. Sawyer,	12 00
" 8.	B. F. Rowe,	30 00
" 21.	J. Christy,	12 00
" "	Lewis Foster,	12 00
" 28.	H. Tilton,	13 00
" "	John White, (to Oct. 4.)	22 37
Nov. 4.	N. H. Brown,	10 00
" 6.	Geo. E. Fitch,	24 00
" "	J. C. Sawyer,	12 00
" 9.	B. F. Howe,	24 00
" 11.	G. B. Tuttle,	8 00
" 26.	N. C. Wiggin,	20 00
" "	B. H. Smith,	18 86
Dec. 6.	Philip Jones,	14 40
" "	J. Christy,	4 00
" 7.	J. C. Sawyer,	12 00
" 9.	C. F. Wheeler,	6 00
" 19.	G. B. Tuttle,	8 00
" 25.	J. A. Dustin,	24 00
" 27.	M. Senter,	12 00
" "	G. E. Fitch,	8 00

1862.

Jan. 6.	Geo. McKenny,	17 20
" 11.	N. C. Wiggin,	24 00
" 14.	Geo. E. Upton,	36 00
" 17.	J. C. Sawyer,	12 00
" 20.	Geo. F. Boyd,	8 00
" 28.	Stephen Mills,	4 00
" 30.	H. Tilton,	24 00
" "	M. Senter,	12 00
" 31.	P. Jones,	15 60
" "	G. H. Butterfield,	30 00
Feb. 6.	G. W. Carr,	20 00
" "	D. E. Hale,	12 00
" "	C. B. Radcliff,	24 00
" 7.	G. B. Tuttle,	16 00
" 8.	H. Nichols,	16 00
" "	Joseph Arnold, (to Oct. 4,)	20 00
" "	J. C. Sawyer,	12 00
" 14.	N. C. Wiggin,	8 00
" 18.	G. F. Boyd,	8 00
" "	D. E. Hale,	12 00
" 12.	J. A. Dustin,	24 00
" "	C. Longdo,	16 00
" 22.	Wm. H. Stevens,	52 00

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 \$1,080 31

Due from State for support of families of Vol-	
unteers,	676 06
Amount actually expended by town for Volun-	
teers,	404 25

## PAYMENTS.

1861.

Paid Wm. D. Clarke, balance of Salary,	\$177 68
Snow Path Bills, 1860 and 61,	695 94
" " " 1861 and 62,	236 37
Roads and Bridges,	109 40
Non resident highway taxes,	81 99
Abatement of Taxes,	391 33
Grave yard account,	60 93
Books and Stationery,	33 79
Transient poor,	237 62

Education,	1,406 53
Interest paid,	12 00
Almshouse account,	646 68
Insane Asylum,	238 85
Town Officers,	330 53
Miscellaneous,	644 24
Outstanding orders,	171 11
State tax,	382 20
County tax,	963 41
Government service (town vote,)	404 25
“ “ State,	676 06
Notes paid,	388 13
Cash in Treasury,	597 35

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\$8,886 39

#### RECEIPTS.

E. G. Shute, balance, list of 1859.	\$61 05
Cash in Treasury,	448 68
E. G. Shute, Collector,	4,873 45
Hired for use of Town,	1,520 00
Railroad Tax,	141 15
Literary Fund,	132 00
Of County pauper act. (1861,)	455 51
Dr. Henry Hayes, liquors sold,	39 21
Outstanding orders,	1,215 26

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\$8,886 39

#### TOWN OF DERRY BALANCE SHEET.

	DR.
To account of notes payable,	\$4,953 89
“ “ Interest due,	641 26
Outstanding orders,	1,215 36

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\$6,810 49

	CR.
By uncollected taxes,	\$3,146 95
Cash invested in Liquors,	49 00
Amount due from H. P. Hood,	23 76
“ “ “ W. D. Clarke,	4 50
“ “ “ County on Pauper account,	150 00
“ “ “ State for Government service,	676 06

Railroad tax in Collector's hands,  
Town debt,

141 15  
2,030 72

Cash in Treasury,

597 35  
\$6,810 49

J. MONTGOMERY, } *Selectman*  
B. F. EASTMAN, } *of*  
WM. C. ELA, } *Derry.*

This certifies that I have examined the foregoing accounts and find the same correctly cast and satisfactory vouchers thereto.

W. W. POOR, *Auditor.*

# INVOICE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT ALMS- HOUSE FEB. 25, 1862.

1 pair oxen,	\$115 00
10 cows,	275 00
1 horse,	60 00
2 sheep,	10 00
Hay,	180 00
4 swine,	45 00
Ox wagon and cart,	45 00
Plows and harrows,	35 00
Sleds and drag,	8 00
Yokes and chains,	10 00
Shovels and forks,	4 00
Fanning mill and ladders,	6 00
Pulley Blocks,	2 00
Carriage harness,	12 00
Wagon and sleigh,	25 00
Hay cutter and horse rake,	12 00
Axes, iron bars, &c.,	10 00
Carpenter's tools,	3 00
Lumber on hand,	60 00
Wood on hand,	75 00
Potatoes and vegetables,	80 00
Beef, pork and ham,	80 00
Butter,	13 00
Lard and tallow,	18 00
Soap,	12 00



Cider and Vinegar,	30 00
Beans,	14 00
Apples and cranberries,	8 00
Corn,	70 00
Rye, oats, barley and shorts,	30 00
Flour and meal,	12 00
Grindstone and hay tools,	16 00
Buffalo robe,	3 00

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\$1,378 00

### ALMS-HOUSE BALANCE SHEET.

To amount drawn from Treasury,	\$444 55
Bills paid by Superintendent,	550 66
Personal property at the Alms-House, February 25, 1861,	1,335 00
Balance of salary of Superintendent,	182 13
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	\$2,512 14
	CR.
By amount sold from farm by Superintendent,	\$618 53
Amount for support of County poor,	216 56
“ “ “ “ not yet received, about	150 00
Amount due from H. P. Hood,	23 76
“ “ “ W. D. Clarke,	4 50
Personal property at the Alms-House, February 25, 1862,	1,378 00
Balance being actual expense of Alms-House,	120 99
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	\$2,512 34

Conformatory to custom, we herewith submit a report of the financial affairs of the town for the past year.

The additional draft made this year upon the Treasury, for paying volunteers in the U. S. service, without any provision made to meet it, and the abatement of school-house tax, in No. 11, (which should have gone into the account of last year, but was overlooked,) with an increase of snow-path and other bills, have added to the town debt this year, \$883 64; the debt as shown last year was \$1147 08; the balance sheet now makes it \$2,030 72.

Dr. Hays as agent to dispose of the Liquors of the town, reports having sold about one half the value on hand two years since, as then appraised by the Selectmen, and that a portion of what is still on hand is valuable—the quantity and *quality* of which, from actual knowledge we are not prepared to state.

The stock and affairs at the town farm are in good condition. From the balance sheet of almshouse, you will see that the expense there the past year has been \$120 99.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. MONTGOMERY,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
B. F. EASTMAN,	
WM. C. ELA,	
	of
	<i>Derry.</i>

close, with speaking and a well filled "paper." Fears at our first visit were removed at the second, so that at the third we marked her down as a good teacher, and worthy of future employment in town. A clean Register. Seth N. Marshall, Prudential Committee.

#### DISTRICT NO. 21—CILLEY'S.

SUMMER TERM—9 weeks. Miss N. A. Houghton, teacher. \$10 50 a month. Scholars, 9; average attendance, 7; tardy, 22. Visits by citizens, 9. Penmanship, 8—all the scholars but one. This is as it should be. Reading and writing are the most important branches. Geography, 8; grammar, 4; arithmetic, 8. This speaks well, compared with some schools. Room needs outline maps, globe and dictionary. A pleasant teacher; has a good knack of teaching reading; correcting the inflections of the voice. Fair recitations. Teacher much loved by her pupils. By mistake called but once.

WINTER TERM—13 weeks. Same teacher; \$15 a month. Scholars, 10; average attendance, 6 plus. Visits, 16. Penmanship, 10. Well done. These boys and girls will not have to make their mark. Arithmetic, 10; grammar, 3; geography, 9; history, 1. All the larger scholars in our schools should study a concise system of book-keeping one or two terms. Order and improvement medium. Recitations not sufficiently accurate. A most worthy young lady; pretty writer, and with some more training will make an extra teacher. She says: "My school has been very pleasant to me, and I hope profitable to my pupils, who have been studious, orderly and obedient. I have received the cordial co-operation of the parents; a great encouragement to a teacher." She certainly infused great interest into her pupils, and made the school room a pleasant place. Register imperfect. Henry Foster, Prudential Committee.

#### DISTRICT NO. 23—CLINTON GROVE.

SUMMER TERM—9 weeks. No. scholars, 25; tardy, 38. Wages per month, including board, \$14. Faddie E. Gore, Weare, teacher. This schoolroom and its surroundings are not so poetical as they might be. Nor do we think they inspire teacher and pupil with that taste and ambition which, under more favorable circumstances, might be counted on. But a kind and gentle teacher contrived to make it a cosy little place for the "young idea" to shoot in. But she labored under the disadvantage of teaching in her own district; and, as she says in her report, "with my former schoolmates for pupils, I at first felt embarrassed and labored under some difficulties. I tried to obtain their good will and to do my duty. The term was spent pleasantly, and I sincerely think, profitably. The lessons were well learned; and the scholars, with hardly an exception, were respectful in their deportment, both in school and out." We understand this "embarrassment;" and are aware that it somewhat checked the spirit and energy which might have been more distinctly manifested in some other school. Reading was well attended to and good progress made. Besides the text-book instructions, there was some pleasant original teaching in geography. The record of study appears well, and is creditable to the school, as follows: Reading and spelling, 25; penmanship, 25, (well done!); arithmetic, 18;

grammar, 3; geography, 12; composition, 7; history, 3. Register neatly kept and perfect.

WINTER TERM—8 weeks. No. of scholars, 49. Wages per month, \$35. R. H. Greene, Bennington, Vt., teacher. Owing to some misunderstanding, the school was not in session when the committee called to visit it. The Prudential Committee, however, report it "all right;" and so we record it. The Winter Register has failed to reach us. If that, too, is "all right," we congratulate the school on its good luck. William B. Gove, Committee.

#### DISTRICT NO. 24—TAVERN.

SUMMER TERM—10 weeks. No. of pupils, 13; average attendance, 11; tardy, 45. Wages of teacher per month, including board, \$15. Miss Helen M. Webber, of Hopkinton, teacher. This was Miss W.'s first attempt at teaching, and her success was very good for a beginner. At both of our visits the teacher was laboring zealously, and was successful in bringing the school to a satisfactory termination. Register imperfect.

WINTER TERM—10 weeks. No. of scholars, 23; average attendance, 20; tardy, 54. Wages a month, board included, \$18. Jason P. Dearborn, South Weare, teacher. The rapid and thorough advancement made during this term is worthy of special commendation. Mr. D. labored earnestly and untiringly for the advancement of his pupils. His examination was one of the best in town, and in no school have we seen so much interest taken in the grammar class. All branches pursued by the scholars were well taught, and good improvement was made therein. Register perfect. J. P. Dearborn, Prudential Committee.

#### DISTRICT NO. 25—WATER STREET.

SUMMER TERM—12 weeks. No. of scholars, 14; average attendance, 12; tardy, 25. Wages of teacher per month, including board, \$13. Miss Carrie M. Cochran, of New Boston, teacher. Here we found the pupils under the watchful care of a judicious, capable and experienced teacher. We were not disappointed at the close of the term to find that Mrs. C.'s scholars had made great progress in all studies pursued. Miss Cochran evidently spared no pains to make her school one of the right sort, and good success crowned her efforts. Register perfect.

WINTER TERM—10½ weeks. No. of scholars, 20; average attendance, 14; tardy, 32. Wages of teacher per month, including board, \$24. J. Mason Bailey, South Weare, teacher. The pupils in this school, under the charge of Mr. B., did not make that proficiency which they should have made in a term of ten weeks. Mr. Bailey is an excellent scholar, but it is the opinion of the Committee that the teacher did not take that interest in his school that he should have taken, which caused a dissatisfaction among the parents, so much so that some withdrew their children. Your committee were notified to visit the school. They did so, after which the school prospered very well, and at the close we were pleased to find that there had been some progress made. John M. Tuttle, Prudential Committee.



## DISTRICT NO. 26—FRIENDS' NORTH ROAD.

But One Term—summer and fall, 16 weeks. Resident scholars, 12. Whole number attending school, 22; tardy, 100. Wages per month, \$16. Carrie E. Puige, Weare, teacher. A neat, well arranged little school room, furnished with a clock, Colton's large map of the United States and Webster's Unabridged Dictionary. The same teacher as last year, but coming into this school immediately from the larger and more spirited school in No. 16, we do not think she manifested the same spirit and perseverance which she did in that. Some scholars made good improvement. In others, improvement was less marked. The teacher says in her report: "A quiet little school, mostly disposed to do well. The remarks made of it last year will apply to the present term. I think there was no actual whispering in school." There was an interesting little class in "oral grammar," in which the teacher generally succeeds well. A little more systematic discipline we think would have been an advantage to the school. The study record looks well. Reading, 22; spelling, (as a study) 12; penmanship, 12; arithmetic, 10; grammar, 10; geography, 11; composition, 9; other studies, 2—a better record than we find in some larger schools. Register very well kept, but not perfect. David B. Leighton, Committee.

NOTE. In nearly every school reading and spelling have been attended to by all the scholars.

## CONCLUSION.

The Committee have been duly sensible of the importance of their duties, and have endeavored to discharge them: doing what they could, not what they would, for the good of our schools. Their task has not been an easy one, drawing as it has seriously on their time, in extra visits, meetings, consultations, settling difficulties, examinations, and finally in carefully and patiently preparing the foregoing pages, for the consideration and gratification of parents and guardians, teachers and pupils; and they hope that their labors will be acceptable.

Respectfully your servants,

MOSES A. CARTLAND,	} <i>Superintending School Committee for the Town of Weare, N. H.</i>
WM. S. EATON,	
H. W. DAY,	

# STATISTICS OF SCHOOLS.

No. District	TERMS.	TEACHERS.	No. of Scholars each term	Length of school in Weeks	Wages per M <sup>th</sup> including board.	Money appro- priated, 1891.	No. of Scholars (drawing money).	Citizens Visits.	Estimated value of School houses
1	Summer,	Celestia C. Gove,	12	11	16 00	76 50	20	21	300
	Winter,	Wm. A. Muzzy,	26	11	24 00			16	
2	Summer,	Ellen F. Clark,	38	11	14 00	115 92	57	21	600
	Winter,	Warren Clark,	58	9	32 00			14	
3	Summer,	Nellie E. Kendrick,	7	10	17 00	61 90	15	36	400
	Winter,	Nellie E. Kendrick,	13	12	18 00			31	
4	Summer,	Martha B. Dinsmore,	36	11	21 00	126 14	44	34	800
	Winter,	James F. Allen,	39	12	28 00			37	
5	Summer,	Sarah M. Day,	15	10	16 00	67 74	22	10	75
	Winter,	William H. Hoyt,	22	10	25 00			19	
6	Summer,	Clara C. Leach,	17	10	15 00	60 20	22	4	600
	Winter,	Sylvester S. Nichols,	14	9	28 00			9	
7	Summer,	Elsie J. Dearborn,	14	10	14 50	64 82	20	17	100
	Winter,	Elsie J. Dearborn,	20	9	16 00			11	
8	Summer,	M. Louise Hadley,	20	9	16 00	107 15	32	33	30
	Winter,	E. D. Hadley,	29	11	22 00			20	
9	Summer,	S. Frances Bartlett,	20	10	17 00	72 12	32	33	75
	Winter,	R. E. Bartlett,			24 00			16	
		W. S. Eaton,	28	9	23 00				
10	Summer,	Lottie R. Adams,	22	11	17 00	82 24	29	49	400
	Winter,	"	25		24 00				
11	Summer,	Abbie H. Smith,	10	7	12 50	63 36	18	17	50
	Winter,	Abbie H. Smith,	22	12½	13 50			26	
12	Fall,	Abbie M. Gove,	14	12	18 00	60 44	9	12	150
13	Summer,	Hattie A. Dearborn,	37	8	18 00	117 38	44	10	1000
	Winter,	John F. Chase,	40	7	30 00			19	
14	Summer,	Carrie E. Paige,	38	10	18 00	101 32	51	75	2500
	Winter,	Rodney G. Chase,	42	10	23 00			40	
15	Summer,	Philaantha R. Whipple,	31	10	18 00	83 80	32	13	300
	Winter,	C. R. Corliss,	36	10	24 00			22	
16	1 Term,	Emma J. Emerson,	13	16	16 00	51 63	9	30	75
17	Summer,	N. Amoretta Houghton,	9	9	10 50	55 00	9	9	200
	Winter,	N. Amoretta Houghton,	10	13	11 00			16	
18	Summer,	Caddie E. Gove,	25	9	14 00	94 02	36	32	100
	Winter,	R. H. Greene,	40	8	35 00				
19	Summer,	Edna M. Webber,	13	10	15 00	69 20	24	8	500
	Winter,	Jason P. Dearborn,	23	10	18 00			18	
20	Summer,	Carrie M. Cochran,	14	12	13 00	73 58	26	21	50
	Winter,	J. Mason Bailey,	20	10	24 00			58	
21	Fall,	Carrie E. Paige,	22	16	16 00	67 74	20	43	300

\*G. W. Gove and H. W. Hoyt.

ending Nov 18c3

## Selectmen's Report.

1863.

Feb. 26. The Selectmen charge themselves as follows, to wit:— Cr.

By amount of money in Treasury on settlement of last year's account		-	-	-	\$ 597 35
"	Money hired of David Stinson	-	-	-	300 00
"	" " Samuel Wilson	-	-	-	135 00
"	" received from State	-	-	-	1600 00
"	" hired of P. Newell	-	-	-	1200 00
"	" received from County	-	-	-	381 66
"	" Literary Fund from State	-	-	-	135 81
"	" Railroad Tax	-	-	-	353 00
"	" received of C. C. Parker for old Hearse House	-	-	-	8 00
"	Amount of taxes on list of 1862	-	-	-	5422 97
"	" received of E. G. Shute (State Aid)	-	-	-	10 00
"	Amount of Outstanding Orders	-	-	-	80 00
Total Receipts					\$10723 79

The Selectmen claim an allowance as follows:

### FOR PAID ON ACCOUNT OF SCHOOLS

District No. 1	-	-	-	-	223 51
" " 2	-	-	-	-	238 39
" " 3	-	-	-	-	59 99
" " 4	-	-	-	-	129 91
" " 5	-	-	-	-	63 01
" " 6	-	-	-	-	66 61
" " 7	-	-	-	-	111 60
Paid town of Salem	-	-	-	-	2 08
District No. 8	-	-	-	-	125 37
" " 9	-	-	-	-	87 57
" " 10	-	-	-	-	32 04
" " 11	-	-	-	-	80 31
" " 12 (by last years Selectmen)	-	-	-	-	25 05
" " 12 (including Chester)	-	-	-	-	69 90
					\$1315 34

### PAID STATE AID.

1862. By last years Selectmen: Dr;

Mar. 4.	To Mrs. P. Jones	-	-	-	24 00
" 6.	" J. Cristy	-	-	-	12 00
" 7.	" H. Tilton	-	-	-	16 00
" "	" J. C. Sawyer	-	-	-	12 00
" "	Geo. B. Tuttle	-	-	-	8 00
NEW ENTRIES.					
Apr. 14.	Mrs. Lewis Foster	-	-	-	75 00
" "	" Santer	-	-	-	12 00

				16 00
" "	"	P. B. Stevens	- - - -	12 00
" "	"	P. Jones	- - - -	24 00
" "	"	Dustin	- - - -	16 00
" "	"	G. F. Boyd	- - - -	8 00
" 21		Mr. Tuttle	- - - -	8 00
" "		Mrs. Tilton	- - - -	8 00
May 1		Mr. Stephen Mills	- - - -	12 00
" "		Mrs. Geo. McKenny	- - - -	24 00
" 12	"	"	- - - -	12 00
" "	"	Jones	- - - -	12 00
" 15	"	Fitch (three months,)	- - - -	16 00
" "	"	T. G. Wiggins	- - - -	12 00
" 17	"	Santer	- - - -	30 40
" "	"	C. B. Radcliff	- - - -	36 00
" "	"	Hale (for three months)	- - - -	24 00
" "	"	Sawyer (two months)	- - - -	8 00
June 18	"	Cristy	- - - -	24 00
" "	"	Upton	- - - -	16 00
" 23	"	Boyd	- - - -	24 00
July 1	"	Santer	- - - -	8 00
" 12	"	Boyd	- - - -	12 00
" 16	"	Jones	- - - -	12 00
Aug. 8	"	Cristy	- - - -	12 00
" "	"	Santer	- - - -	36 00
" 12	"	Upton	- - - -	12 00
" 14	"	Tilton	- - - -	24 00
" 16	"	L. Tuttle	- - - -	8 00
" 23	"	Boyd	- - - -	10 00
" 27	"	Jones	- - - -	20 00
Sep. 26	"	Upton	- - - -	24 00
Oct. 11	"	P. B. Stevens	- - - -	48 00
" "	"	Butterfield	- - - -	8 00
" "	"	J. T. G. Dinsmore	- - - -	12 00
" "	"	Fitch	- - - -	24 00
" "	"	T. G. Wiggins	- - - -	8 00
" "	"	Stevens	- - - -	30 00
Nov. 7	"	Upton	- - - -	18 00
" 13	"	Tilton	- - - -	20 00
" 14	"	Jones	- - - -	12 00
" 22	"	Parker	- - - -	68 00
" "	"	Hale	- - - -	36 00
" 26	"	Joanna Stevens	- - - -	24 00
" "	"	I. A. Dustin	- - - -	8 00
" "	"	Fitch	- - - -	8 00
" "	"	T. G. Wiggins	- - - -	48 00
" "	"	B. H. Smith	- - - -	22 00
" "	"	Mrs. Jones	- - - -	32 00
Dec. 2	"	L. Tuttle	- - - -	36 00
" "	"	Santer	- - - -	46 00
" "	"	Sawyer	- - - -	22 00
" "	"	Jones	- - - -	40 00
" "	"	Kendall	- - - -	



" "	"	Dinsmore	"	"	"	24 00
Dec. 15	Mr.	John B. Taylor	"	"	"	40 00
" "	Mrs.	Boyd	"	"	"	32 00
" "	"	P. B. Stevens	"	"	"	24 00
" "	"	McCartee	"	"	"	16 00
Jan. 5. 1863.	"	Nichols	"	"	"	24 00
" "	Mrs. Tilton	\$16	Mrs. Jones	\$12		28 00
" 17	Mrs. Santer	\$20	Mrs. Sawyer	\$34		54 00
" "	Mrs. Dillinback	\$32	Mrs. Hale	\$22		54 00
" "	Mrs. T. G. Wiggins	\$24	Mrs. Barker	\$20		44 00
Feb. 2	Mrs. Jones	\$12	Mrs. Dinsmore	\$8		20 00
" "	Mrs. L. Tuttle	\$8	Mrs. Tilton	\$8		16 00
" 19	Mrs. J. Stevens	\$58.62	Mrs. Parker	\$18		76 62
" 23	A. Bean (seven months)					56 00
" 26	Mrs. Nichols	\$16	B. H. Smith	\$46		62 00
" "	Mrs. Tilton	\$8	Mrs. Hale	\$12		20 00
" "	Parker	\$4	Wiggins	\$16		20 00
" "	Mrs. G. W. Randall	\$20	Mrs. Dillinback	\$12		32 00
" "	Mrs. George McKenny					80 00

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\$1973 02

## PAID ON ACCT. OF SNOW PATHS

1862.

Dr.

## Paid by last year's Selectmen

Mar. 8.	Paid Wm. Emerson for breaking roads	\$ 7 68
" "	" J. H. Waterman - - -	43 68
" "	" Geo. McKenney - - -	17 00
" "	" James Reed - - -	24 22
" "	" Joseph White - - -	15 60
" "	" Horace Bond - - -	13 20
" "	" Wm. Ela - - -	4 74
" "	" Nathaniel Hastings - - -	15 78
" "	" Hiram Sargent - - -	28 25
" "	" S. F. Taylor - - -	13 44

## NEW ENTRIES.

Mar. 17.	" H. S. Wheeler - - -	\$ 1 80
" 20.	" A. Boyd - - -	9 00
Apr. 24.	" M. G. Steele - - -	11 28
" "	" John Parker - - -	12 30
" "	" Joshua Morse - - -	6 36
" "	" S. P. Boynton - - -	3 00
" "	" I. H. Jones - - -	11 34
" "	" Nathaniel Brown - - -	29 54
" "	" E. Adams 2d - - -	4 13
" "	" Benjamin Barker - - -	10 30
" "	" A. J. Proctor - - -	14 27
" "	" William Emerson - - -	3 00
" "	" D. P. Page - - -	17 76
" "	" Robert Taylor - - -	8 73
" "	" T. Wheeler - - -	11 57
" "	" Joseph Hemphill - - -	4 80
" "	" Wm. Reynolds - - -	15 38

"	"	"	John Patten	-	-	-	-	10	40
"	"	"	J. C. Taylor	-	-	-	-	6	66
"	"	"	S. F. Taylor	-	-	-	-	-	96
"	"	"	Hiram Johnson	-	-	-	-	12	62
"	"	"	Wm. C. Humphrey	-	-	-	-	18	04
"	"	"	John Folsom	-	-	-	-	22	20
"	"	"	W. N. Wilkinson	-	-	-	-	4	02
"	"	"	James Webster	-	-	-	-	-	96
"	"	"	H. P. Hood	-	-	-	-	27	53
"	"	"	R. W. Adams	-	-	-	-	12	62
"	"	"	George Moor	-	-	-	-	11	44

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\$485 60

## PAID ON ACCT. OF ROADS AND BRIDGES

1862.

Dr

By last year's Selectmen

Mar. 8.	For paid A. Proctor for surveying on								
		Goodhue Road	-	-		\$	1	00	
"	"	C. Chase for labor on do.	-				2	25	

## NEW ENTRIES.

May 5.	Paid I. H. Jones for labor	-	-	-			2	16	
"	"	G. N. Kimball for labor on Goodhue							
		road last year	-	-			2	50	
"	"	Joseph Leach for labor on P. Bridge					2	10	
"	"	J. Hemphill for plank	-	-	-		3	75	
"	"	S. Clark 2d for labor near Tomb	-				14	75	
"	"	J. Taylor 2d	"	"	"		7	57	
"	"	F. Redfield	"	"	"	-	3	12	
"	"	J. C. Taylor for lumber for Sinking							
		Bridge	-	-	-		5	12	
"	"	T. Wheeler for labor on road	-	-			72		
Nov. 10.	"	A. Proctor for labor on Sinking Bridge					4	35	
Feb. "	"	J. Morse for labor near Tomb	-				2	50	
"	"	P. J. Horne for lumber and labor on							
		bridges at Horne's Mill	-				35	54	
"	"	Wm. Reynolds for labor on road	-				6	75	
"	"	John B. Taylor for labor	-	-			18	96	
"	"	J. C. Drew	-	-	-		5	80	
"	"	Hiram Sargent	-	-	-		1	14	
"	"	C. C. Parker labor	-	-	-		5	75	

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\$125 71

## PAID ON ACCT. OF TRANSIENT POOR

1862.

By last year's Selectmen

Mar. 4.	Paid Eastman for supplies furnished Mrs.								
		Major in 1861	-	-	-		\$23	81	
"	"	S. C. Clark 2d for wood for G. Alex-							
		ander	-	-	-		20	50	
"	"	R. W. Thompson for supplies for							
		Nathan Flanders	-	-	-		12	87	

## NEW ENTRIES

Oct. 13.	Paid G. F. Adams for supplies for Mrs.								
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		Major - - - -	15 00	
" "	"	Eastman & Bro. for supplies for		
		Mrs. Parker and family - -	18 44	
1863.	"	Town of Effingham for support of S.		
		Harvey's family - - - -	18 89	
"	"	W. Storer for wood for Mrs. Mc-		
		Murphy - - - -	9 00	
Feb. 24.	"	W. Cochran for board of Mrs. Cald-		
		well one year - - - -	26 00	
" "	"	H. P. Hood for wood for Mrs. Mc-		
		Murphy - - - -	3 00	
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1862 and '63	Paid N. H. Asylum for support of			\$147 51
		Sarah Coudry - - - -	143 32	
" "	" N. H. Asylum for support of J.			
		Bond - - - -	133 32	
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				\$276 64

## PAID ON ACCT. OF MISCELLANEOUS

Dr.

1862.				
May.	Paid Geo. W. Barker amt. of Execu-			
	tion and cost, Amos Tuck vs.			
	School District No. 7 -	\$ 20 39		
Jan. 1863.	" J. Herrick's bill vs. Dis. 7 -	4 17		
" "	" A. Proctor's bill vs. Dis. 7	2 50		
" "	" Paul Taylor's bill vs. Dis. 7	3 00		
" "	" D. J. Day's bill vs. Dis. 7	18 00		
" "	" L. L. Day's bill vs. Dis. 7	1 75		
" "	" D. P. Page's note and interest do.	55 80		
" "	" Robt. Taylor's bill and interest do.	7 13		
" "	" Robt. Taylor's note vs. Dis. No. 7	6 22		
" "	" M. S. Boynton's bill vs. Dis. No. 7	1 75		
" "	The above paid by special tax on District.			
" "	Paid J. B. Sawyer one-half of his bill for			
	running line between Derry,			
	Windham and Salem	\$8 38		
" "	" J. C. Steele for stone monuments	6 58		
" "	" Dr. Dutton damage to carriage	3 00		
" "	" B. F. Gregg building hearse house	61 50		
" "	" B. F. Gregg for making Bier	5 00		
" "	" Wm. H. Oram amt. of error in			
	settlement with Selectmen last			
	year	1 00		
" "	" A. Proctor expenses at Manches-			
	ter on Pauper case, also ex-			
	penses to Concord on Town			
	business twice	9 00		
" "	" E. Cogswell for care of Parish Hall	6 25		
" "	" J. Priest on acct. of rent of School-			
	room in District No. 11	5 00		
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				\$ 226 42

## PAID ON ACCT. OF BOUNTIES.

Dr.

1862.				
Oct. 11.	Paid H. G. Dillinback	- - -	\$200 00	
" "	" J. C. Currier	- - -	200 00	
" "	" J. T. G. Dinsmoore, Jr.,	- - -	200 00	
" "	" D. McCartee	- - -	200 00	
" "	" Wm. H. Day	- - -	200 00	
" "	" Marcellus Shattuck	- - -	200 00	
" "	" Tenney Major	- - -	200 00	
" "	" John H. Parker	- - -	200 00	
" "	" Charles R. Reynolds	- - -	200 00	
" "	" David H. Adams	- - -	200 00	
				\$2000 00

## PAID ON ACCT. OF GRAVE YARD, &amp;c.

Oct. 11.	Paid P. B. Stevens for entombing 20 bodies, under last year's contract	\$10 00	
" "	" J. Taylor for burying 53 bodies and cutting bushes in yard	66 25	
" "	" I. G. Goodwin for mending tools	96	
			\$ 77 21

## ON ACCT. OF BOOKS AND STATIONERY.

1862.				
Mar. 19.	Paid Tewksbury & Bro. for Day Book	\$2 50		
" "	" " " for Record Book	2 50		
" "	" " " for Invoice Book	4 00		
" "	" " " for Highway Surveyors' Books	3 50		
" "	" " " for Stationery	1 59		
" "	" Wm. H. Fisk for printing town accts. and blanks for Superin- tending School Committee	28 00		
" "	" Wm. H. Oram for Treasurer's Book	1 40		
" "	" J. Priest for Collector's Book	1 65		
" "	" A. Beard for Tax bills	2 00		
				\$ 47 14

## ON ACCT. OF ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

1862.				
March.	By last year's Selectmen :			
"	Paid Abt. L. P. Brickett's tax	- -	\$ 5 28	
"	" Rufus Merrill's	- -	4 09	
"	" D. Shattuck's	" for 1860	3 00	
"	" John Parker's School House tax		4 00	
				NEW ENTRIES.
Aug. 28.	Paid Abt. of E. Adams 2d tax for 1859, '60 and '61	- -	\$ 6 18	
" "	" Abt. of Joseph Leach's tax	-	2 00	

## ON ACCT. OF N. R. HIGHWAY TAXES.

1862.	By last year's Selectmen :		
Mar. 10.	Paid Joseph White for working out N. R. taxes	- -	\$1 91



## NEW ENTRIES.

Mar. 25.	Paid D. P. Page, working N. R. tax	2 70	
" "	" S. F. Taylor " "	1 79	
" "	G. A. Goodhue " "	5 29	
" "	J. Chase " "	5 69	
" "	J. C. Drew " "	3 10	
" "	William Emerson " "	4 13	
" "	J. Montgomery " "	1 03	
" "	John Gregg " "	2 77	
" "	E. G. Shute for N. R. Highway		
	Tax Receipts taken up	49 53	
			\$ 77 94

## ON ACCT. OF ALMSHOUSE.

1862.	By last year's Selectmen :		
Mar. 8.	Paid T. R. Robie for blacksmith work	20 10	
" "	William D. Clark's bill - -	1 95	
	NEW ENTRIES.		
Apr. 10.	Paid W. Storer for shingling house -	10 43	
" "	W. W. Poor for sawing lumber -	33 66	
Feb. 26.	G. F. Adoms for Supplies -	28 46	
" "	I. Howe " " - -	12 70	
" "	William Leach " " - -	17 48	
" "	C. C. Parker " " - -	40 57	
" "	Eastman & Bro. " " . .	21 67	
" "	Dr. Crombie for medical attendance	14 00	
" "	D. Stinson balance of salary	230 16	
			\$ 431 18

## NOTES.

Jan. 2 '63.	Paid N. Ripley's note . . .	\$300 00	
Feb. 26	Samuel Wilson's note . . .	135 00	
			\$ 435 00

## INTEREST.

	By last year's Selectmen :		
Mar. 8 '62.	Paid Jenette Humphrey Interest	\$25 60	
	NEW ENTRIES.		
Apr. 3.	Mrs. B. Kimball Interest	12 00	
Jan. 22.	N. Ripley Interest	18 00	
Feb. 26.	S. Wilson Interest	5 27	
" "	Jennette Humphrey to Feb. 10	12 20	
			\$ 73 07

## TOWN OFFICERS.

1862.	By last year's Selectmen :		
Mar. 11.	Paid William H. Oram, Treasurer	\$20 00	
	W. W. Poor, Auditor,	1 18	
	E. G. Parsons S. S. Committee	40 08	
	NEW ENTRIES.		
Feb. 26. '63.	W. Storer, Constable, for notifying Town Officers . . .	5 00	
" "	J Montgomery, Selectman, (1861)	7 54	
" "	B. F. Eastman, Selectman, (1861)	4 50	
" "	George W. Barker, Town Clerk	20 00	

"	"	Alexis Proctor, Selectman	72 79	
"	"	J. Morse, Selectman	40 12	
"	"	E. G. Shute, Selectman	50 00	
"	"	E. G. Shute, Collector	50 00	\$ 311 21

## RECAPITULATION.

Amount of Receipts

\$10733 76

## EXPENDITURES.

Paid on account of Schools	\$1315 34
State Aid	1973 02
Snow Paths	485 60
Roads and Bridges	125 71
Transient Poor	147 51
Insane Asylum	276 64
Miscellaneous	226 42
Bounties	2000 00
Grave Yard	77 21
Printing, Books, and Stationery	47 14
Abatement of Taxes	24 55
N. R. Highway Taxes	77 94
Alms House	431 18
Notes Paid	435 00
Interest Paid	73 07
Town Officers	311 91
Outstanding Orders of 1860-1	1360 26
State Tax	436 80
County Tax	899 19
	<u>\$10723 79</u>

## TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

March 1. 1862.

To cash in Treasury on settlement of last yr's acct.	\$597 35	Dr.
To cash received of Selectmen of 1862	3918 23	
Cash received of Collector	5004 19	
	<u>\$ 9519 77</u>	Cr.

By paid outstanding orders	1360 26
" " orders	7947 54
Cash in Treasury	511 97
	<u>\$ 9519 77</u>

## E. G. SHUTE, COLLECTOR.

March 3. 1862.

To uncollected taxes	\$3146 25	Dr.
To Railroad tax	141 15	

May 3. 1862

Amonnt of tax list	5922 94	
	<u>\$ 9210 34</u>	Cr.

## PAID W. H. CRAM, TREASURER

By Railroad tax	\$141 15
By paid cash on tax lists	4863 04
By amount of uncollected taxes	2870 16

By paid State tax  
By paid County tax

436 80

899 19

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\$ 9210 34

## TOWN OF DERRY TO NOTES PAYABLE

DR.

Date of Note.

1857. Aug. 11.	Margaret Adams....	\$861 00	1861 July 18.	George Moor.....	500 00
" " "	J. Hubbard.....	100 00	" Sept. 4.	George Moor.....	500 00
1859. Aug. 11.	Sarah Moor.....	458 40	1862. Jan.	Geo. W. Barker.....	126 00
" Feb. 22.	Geo. N. Warner.....	716 83	" " "	J. Hubbard.....	100 00
" Apr. 3.	Mrs. Ben'jn Kimball..	200 00	" Apr. 4.	David Stinson.....	300 00
" " 25.	George Moor.....	52 47	" Sept. 26.	Lily Cochran (renewed)	54 56
" " "	" ".....	273 17	" Oct. 11.	Phillip Nowell.....	1200 00
" Feb. 1.	Jenette Humphrey..	100 00	1860. Sept. 28.	David Blassett's note,	
" " "	Benjamin Parker....	100 00		which has never before appeared	
1860. " "	Jenette Humphrey....	120 00		in the town accounts .....	100 00
1860. Oct. 26.	Alexis Proctor.....	\$400 00			

\$6256 43

Interest due on the above notes Feb. 26, 1863..... 962 04

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\$ 7218 47

## BALANCE SHEET.

## TOWN OF DERRY,

DR.

To Notes Payable . . . . .	\$6256 43
Interest due on Notes . . . . .	962 04
Outstanding Orders . . . . .	80 00
Amount due District No. 11 . . . . .	368 00

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\$ 7666 47

## TOWN OF DERRY,

CR.

By uncollected Taxes . . . . .	\$2870 16
Cash invested in Liquors, as reported	
by last year's Selectmen . . . . .	40 00
Amount due from H. P. Hood — . . . . .	77 78
Amount due from County . . . . .	60 00
Amount due from State . . . . .	1544 32
Cash in Treasury . . . . .	511 97

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\$ 5003 93

Balance, being the amount of Town Debt

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\$2662 54

ALEXIS PROCTOR, } Selectmen  
JOSHUA MORSE, } of  
EDWARD G. SHUTE, } Derry.

Derry, March 2, 1863.

This certifies that the foregoing accounts and their vouchers have been carefully and patiently examined, and allowing the testimony of the Selectmen on some minor matters, are as here presented believed to be nearly or quite correct, arithmetically considered.

SYLVANUS BROWN, AUDITOR.

Derry, March 3, 1863.

*Fellow Citizens:* The Selectmen for the year ending March 1863 respectfully submit the foregoing as the financial condition of the Town. It will be seen that the amount of Town debt at the close of the last year's account was \$2030.72, but by accident a note for \$100 and interest which now amounts to \$14.50 making \$114.50 due on said note. There was also a mistake of \$10 in the amount stated as due on Mrs. Humphrey's note. And by accident the sum of \$25.05 then in the Treasury belonging to District No. 11 was not credited to the District, and as said amount has since been paid to said District, it should be added to Town debt of last year. Therefore the Town debt at that time was \$2180.27. The Town debt at the present time is \$2562.54, an increase of \$382.28, which is readily accounted for when we recollect that the Town voted a bounty to volunteers; and referring to that item it will be seen that the sum of \$2000.00 has been paid out.

ALEXIS PROCTOR, } Selectmen  
JOSHUA MORSE, } of  
EDWARD J. SHUTE, } Derry.

Invoice of Personal Property at the Almshouse as made by the Selectmen, Feb. 28, 1862.

1 pair Oxen	\$125 00	200 bbs. Ham	22 00
11 Cows	300 00	Butter	18 00
2 Heifers	18 00	Lard and Tallow	18 00
1 Horse	75 00	2½ bbls. Soap	15 00
3 Sheep	25 00	Cider and Vinegar	35 00
4 Swine	50 00	Beans	9 00
Hay	200 00	Apples	14 00
Farming tools, lumber, &c.	225 00	Dried Apple	8 00
Wood at door	90 00	Corn	80 00
Potatoes and other roots	90 00	Other Grain and Shorts	29 00
2 bbls. Pork	44 00	Flour and Meal	16 00
2 bbls. Beef	25 00		
			<u>\$1541 00</u>

Appraisal of Property which has not heretofore been Inventoried.

Town Farm and buildings	\$4000 00
Household furniture and miscellaneous articles	500 00
Total	<u>\$6041 00</u>

ALMSHOUSE BALANCE SHEET.

1862

To amount drawn from the Treasury including salary of Superintendent	\$431 18	Dr.
Amount of bills paid by Superintendent	553 26	
	<u>\$ 984 44</u>	Cr.
By amount sold off Farm	\$568 60	
By amount received of William D. Clark	4 50	
By amount of W. Storer's bill for shingling house	10 43	
By received from County	202 16	
By amount due from H. P. Hood	77 78	
	<u>\$ 863 47</u>	

Balance, being actual expense of Almshouse

\$120 97



If the invoice of personal property is compared with that of last year it will be seen that there is a balance in favor of the present year of				\$163 00
If we balance the account as in past years we have a balance in favor of the Farm of				120 97
				<hr/> \$ 42 03

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

It has been some years since the School Laws were furnished to the Districts in pamphlet form. Meanwhile important changes have been made; and more generally accessible information upon the subject has become desirable. To supply this, in part, I submit some extracts from the Statutes which touch more directly the sphere of the Superintending School Committee:—

*Compiled Statutes, page 175.* The school money “shall be appropriated to the sole purpose of keeping an English school or schools \* \* \* for teaching \* \* \* branches of English education \* \* \* and for fuel and occasional repairs.”

—page 177. “The Superintending School Committee may upon application of the teacher or any inhabitant of the district dismiss any scholar from the school who will not conform to the reasonable regulations of the school; and it shall be unlawful for such scholar to return to or remain in said school until restored by the teacher or by the Superintending School Committee.”

—p. 178.—“shall determine and direct the class books to be used in the district schools of the town, and the parents, masters or guardians of the scholars attending such schools shall supply scholars with the books so directed to be used.”

—p. 179.—“shall furnish forthwith” necessary school books to poor and destitute children, at the expense of the town.”

—“shall make out, annually, a report, and present the same to the town at its annual meeting.”

—p. 190.—“shall immediately after the close of the winter schools, and on or before the first day of April in each year, transmit to the Secretary of State a copy of the report presented by him to the town at its annual meeting, and also at the same time shall forward to the Secretary of State, according to forms by him provided, answers to all questions relating to the appropriation raised in the town, the studies pursued in the schools, the books used, the methods of instruction and discipline adopted, the condition of the school houses, and such other subjects relating to the schools as shall from time to time be proposed by the Board of Education, by direction of the Governor and Council.”

—Committee neglecting to make this return “shall be responsible to the town for the amount of the Literary Fund forfeited through his negligence.”

—p. 179.—and are to have no pay unless they have “attended to the duties and made the reports by law required of them.”

In the year 1858 was passed a new Act, as follows—Pamphlet Laws Ch. 2088 :—

SECTION 1. That the Superintending School Committee of every town shall prescribe rules and regulations for the management, studies, classification and discipline of schools in their respective towns; and, on satisfactory evidence that a candidate possesses a good moral character, a temper and disposition suitable to be an instructor of youth, they shall examine him in reading, spelling, writing, English grammar, arithmetic, in the rudiments of geography and history, and in other branches usually taught in Common Schools, and also in his capacity for the government of the same; and they shall give to each candidate found competent, a certificate setting forth the branches he is capable of teaching; and they shall visit each school at least twice during each term, once soon after its commencement and again at or near its close.

SEC. 2. The Superintending Committee may prescribe for any school, when in their judgment it shall be for the advantage of those interested, the study of Algebra, Physiology, Bookkeeping, Philosophy, Surveying, Geometry and Natural History, and such other branches as are deemed necessary to be taught therein; and teachers may be examined in each and all of such branches, in addition to the requirements of section one of this act.

SEC. 3. Superintending Committees shall dismiss any teacher, although having the requisite certificate, who is found incapable or unfit to teach, or whose services are deemed unprofitable to any school, or who shall neglect or refuse to conform to the regulations by them made, or for other just cause, either with or without a petition as provided in section three, chapter 77 of the Compiled Statutes; and in such case, they shall give immediate notice to the Prudential Committee of such dismissal.

It is provided also, [Com. Stat. p. 171] that Prudential Committees shall "notify the Superintending School Committee of the commencement of the summer and winter school, and give them all such information and assistance as may be necessary for the performance of their duties." Also, [p. 176] "That no person shall be employed as a teacher, or receive any compensation for teaching a district school who does not produce the required certificate from the Superintending School Committee.

Concerning the duties of *Teachers* it is declared, [p. 179]: "It shall be the duty of every teacher of a public school to make at the close thereof, a report to the Superintending School Committee, of the number of scholars, male and female, that have attended; the branches of learning taught and the progress made. And no teacher shall be entitled to pay for his services until this provision has been complied with."

I cannot better close these extracts than by recording the law upon the general duty of all persons intrusted with or engaged in the instruction of the young:

[Comp. Stat. p. 179.] "It shall be the duty of all persons entrusted with or engaged in the instruction of the young, diligently to impress upon their minds the principles of piety and justice, a sacred regard to

truth, love of country, humanity and benevolence; sobriety, industry and frugality; chastity, moderation and temperance; and all other virtues which are the ornament and support of human society. And to endeavor to lead them into a particular understanding of the tendency of all such virtues to preserve and perfect a republican form of government, to secure the blessings of liberty, and to promote their future happiness, and the tendency of the opposite vices to degradation, ruin and slavery.

The principal facts in the history of our Schools during the past year are contained, summarily, in the following

STATISTICAL TABLE.

<i>Districts.</i>	Teachers.	Wages per month.	Weeks.	Whole No. of Scholars.	Average Attendance.	Not absent one half day.	Marks for Tardiness.	No. between 4 and 14 not attending School.	Dismissals.
1	Miss S. A. M. Alexander, Jonas P. Varnum,	18 36	16 13	55 50	48 36½	9 0	193 138	3 2	45 20
2	Miss E. P. Hood, } Miss R. W. Peabody, } Alexis Proctor,	20 45	14 12	66 73	50 61	0 5	268 195	0 0	166 300*
3	Miss J. A. Bixby, Miss J. A. Bixby,	— 16	8 14	25 22	22 17	6 0	26 39	0 0	1 7
4	Miss L. A. Floyd, Horace Warner,	12 18	18 10½	45 50	33 41	4 0	62 47	15 2	10 14
5	Miss Carrie Shattuck, Charles H. Wilson,	11 —	7 8	27 41	— 36	7 9	— 23	0 4	1 —
6	Miss L. M. Lane, Miss L. M. Lane,	16 16	8 8½	25 26	24 19	4 1	77 20	1 2	0 11
7	Miss Martha Sanborn, William B. Varnum,	14½ 27	8 12	31 28	24 22	2 2	39 33	1 —	24 18
8	Miss R. S. Belwood, William Marshall,	15 36	11 10½	42 48	34 42	4 1	42 107	0 4	10 —
9	Miss D. C. Morrison, Miss L. H. Moore,	15 18	8 12	32 31	30 27	28 1	7 15	1 5	0 15
10	Miss J. L. Hunton,	10	11	9	7	1	18	0	6
11	Miss J. M. Bartlett, Miss J. M. Bartlett,	20 20	9 9	34 27	29 23½	— —	82 51	6 8	8 —
12	Miss A. M. Little, Miss A. M. Little,	14 14	8 11	15 13	14 12½	0 0	6 —	0 0	8 —

\*Mostly of two pupils.



Among the more noticeable matters in this tabular statement are—

The great variation of the rate of wages, from \$10 to \$20 per month, in summer, and from \$14 to \$45 in winter. Circumstances of convenience not unfrequently induce good teachers to take small pay, but it is generally true that Districts have no more in their teachers than they pay for. They would, therefore, find their interests much advanced if they would make it a point to secure the best teachers they can and pay them what they are worth.

The average wages—in summer \$15; in winter, of females, \$17, of males, \$31.

The average length of schools—in summer 10, in winter 11 weeks.

In summer the whole number of scholars 380, and the average attendance 313—about five-sixths; in winter, whole number 409, average 337—nearly the same proportion.

In the column of absences several of the schools report a good number not absent a single half day, and Miss Morrison, in No. 9, out of an average attendance of 30, reports 28 present all the time. Making due allowance for extraordinary causes of irregularity, it may still be justly said that constancy of attendance is usually safe evidence of a proper interest on the part of the scholars and of capacity in the teacher.

The number marked for tardiness is diminished much from the reports of some former years—an encouraging indication.

In a few of the schools the habit has arisen of seeking dismissal before the hour of closing. This cannot be commended. With the recreation of recess and the relief in the movement of classes, scholars will not suffer by staying out the time of school; and the practice of getting dismissed makes them uneasy and prepares the way for neglect of study and of attendance.

In my observation of them I have not failed to notice the great difference in the power of teachers to invent ways to engage the attention and secure the interest of their pupils. It should certainly be a prime object with them to do this, as most of the value of a school depends upon it. The smallest token of approbation will often greatly encourage young children, and older ones as well—even a five-cent-piece on a string around the neck of a little boy or girl has been seen to be a constant and useful stimulus, all this winter, in District No. 2. Teachers who are fruitful of expedients will have their own ways. Compositions in the form of a newspaper, oratorical exercises, singing, as well as little rewards of merit, have all done good service in many schools this year.



One of the obvious duties of a teacher is to become acquainted with the books he undertakes to teach. He ought to be *thoroughly* acquainted with them, and know how to use them. A deficiency is often noticeable in regard to the Reading books—some teachers hardly knowing that there are rules for correct reading in the books. They not only ought to know these rules are there, but should also be able correctly to illustrate them, and should make it a point to *drill* their scholars in the difficult combinations of sound and in expressive modulation and emphasis, ample means of doing which are given in the Reading books. This practice would tend to remedy the great indistinctness of articulation which is in some schools a real vice.

Connected with this is the matter of pronunciation. An imperfect education is betrayed by nothing sooner than by pronunciation. It is just as easy for children to learn to pronounce correctly, as incorrectly, if they are taught so. And teachers should be qualified to instruct in this, as well as in other branches of learning. The presence of good Dictionaries in some of the schools has proved of great utility for this and other purposes; and they bear testimony to much usage, if in some instances it has been hard usage. Geographical names are pronounced in most of the systems of geography and there can be no good excuse for murdering their names, as many do. It will be much better for our children in after life, to have learned when young, to pronounce correctly the names of places which they may often have occasion to repeat.

A few teachers have the very vicious habit of *telling* their pupils what the pupils themselves ought to say, in their recitations, or else fail.—This must be destructive of the best interests of the scholar. It is *his* business to learn his lesson so as to recite it correctly and promptly, and the *teacher's* to listen to the recital and see that it is correct. But if the teacher anticipates him before he can get his words out, or tells him when he cannot get them out, motive for diligence is taken away from the pupil who might do well, and he becomes discouraged; and the idle have a constant encouragement for idleness. But if the pupil has only himself to depend upon he will learn to depend upon himself, and will thus acquire many most desirable characteristics together with a thorough knowledge of the subjects he is studying.

These few "Suggestions upon the Management of Schools and the Subject of Education" which the Statute makes it the duty of the Committee to give in his Annual Report, are not occasioned by the observation of unusual deficiencies in our schools this year. On the contrary I have been favorably impressed with, in general, the improved attendance,

order, and interest of the scholars, and, with few exceptions, with the satisfactory intelligence, skill, and success of the teachers. But we are none of us perfect, and there is room—a great deal of room in too many of them—for further improvement in our Common Schools.

The Text Books appointed to be used in the Schools remain as reported last year. The town then voted to recommend their continuance in use for the term of five years. They are

IN READING—The Progressive Series of Readers and Speller.

IN ARITHMETIC—Greenleaf's Series of Arithmetics.

IN GEOGRAPHY—Cornell's Series of Geographies.

IN GRAMMAR—Tower's Elements and Weld's Grammar.

IN OTHER BRANCHES—Goodrich's History of the United States, Cutter's Physiology, and Payson, Dunton & Scribner's Writing Books.

Respectfully submitted,

E. G. PARSONS,  
Superintending School Committee.

Derry, March 10, 1863.

## Selectmen's Report.

1864

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Feb. 25. The receipts for the year have been as follows:

By amount in Treasury, March 3, 1863 \$511 97

" Money hired for use of the Town	15788	16
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“ “ received from State

(State aid).....	2618 42
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received from State

(Literary Fund) . . . . .	143 37
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received from State

(Bounties) .....	2200 00
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received from State

(Railroad Tax)..... 434 27

received from Coun

Stock Liquor Agency	8 00
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C. C. Parker Bal. stock Liquor Agency	8 00
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E. G. Shute Collector of Taxes .....	3747 70
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\$25745 80

The Selectmen have paid as follows:

## SCHOOLS.

District No. 1 .....	\$234 59
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“	“	2	232 00
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44	3	60 64
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11	11	5	65	24
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6	6	69 11
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“	“	7.....	113 74
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“	“	8.....	124 51
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	8	211 51
" "	9	31 50

44	“ 11 .....	50 00
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" 12 including Chester .....	72 02
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1053 35

## ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid by last year's Selectmen

E. Adams 2d for plank and labor	\$ 6 57
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" S. Clark 2d repairing bridge....	1 25
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" James Kelley.....	1 25
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1863

## NEW ENTRIES

June 11	"	W. W. Poor bridge stringers and plank.....	19 46
' 26	"	P. J. Horne plank, stringers and labor.....	14 40
Sept.	"	R. T. Chase labor on Goodhue road	11 75
"	"	A. J. Hall bridge plank.....	2 55
Nov.	"	I. A. Butterfield labor on highway	4 00
"	"	C. C. Parker for spikes .....	36
"	"	S. Marshall for bridge stone....	1 12
"	"	M. H. Taylor land damages.....	15 00
"	"	D. Bonner " " .....	3 00
Dec.	"	James Taylor 2d 1 day labor....	1 25
1864			
Feb. 25	"	E. G. Shute.....	3 00
"	"	James C. Taylor Sandy Ford bridge	4 50
"	"	S. F. Taylor.....	1 50

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 \$90 96

## ALMSHOUSE.

1863	By last year's Selectmen	
Mar.	Paid D. C. Palmer repairing wheels	2 50

1864

## NEW ENTRIES

Feb. 22	"	David Stinson bal. salary as Supt.	144 62
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 147 12

## TRANSIENT POOR.

1863	By last year's Selectmen	
Mar.	S. Clark 2d wood to G. Alexander	19 75

## NEW ENTRIES

Geo. F. Adams supplies to Kate Kelly (county)	80 62
N. Ripley wood for Kate Kelly	6 00
G. F. Adams supplies to Mrs. Evans	7 00
Supplies to Mrs. Major (county)	21 00
H. P. Hood wood to Mrs. McMurphy	21 00
" " " " " " Evans	9 00
J. Mahaffey cutting wood for Mrs. Evans	50
G. F. Adams supplies to Mrs. Harvey	19 09
A. Holmes support M. Holmes in her last sickness	22 00



B. F. Gregg coffin and shroud for M. Holmes	6 00
Wm. Cochran board Mrs. Caldwell one year	26 00
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	187 96

## GRAVE YARD.

1863	By last years Selectmen	
	D. C. Palmer repairing hearse.....	2 30

## NEW ENTRIES

James Taylor burial of fifty bodies	62 50
C. C. Parker hammer and screw driver	70
I. G. Goodwin repairing tools.....	72
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	66 22

## STATE AID.

1863	By last year's Selectmen	
Mar.	To families of Soldiers.....	256 00

## NEW ENTRIES

To families of Soldiers..... ..	2407 76
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	2663 76

## BOUNTIES.

Paid sixteen conscripts and substi- tutes under draft of Aug. 11, 1863	4800 00
Paid for twenty-two volunteers to fill quota of Oct. 17, 1863.....	13276 50
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	18076 50

## BOOKS AND STATIONERY.

1863	Apr. 11	W. H. Fisk Collectors and Surveyors books.....	3 88
	June 3	A. Beard printing Tax bills.....	2 25
	Mar. 9	W. H. Fisk Town reports and orders	27 50
1864	Feb. 18	McFarland & Jenks printing check lists.....	7 00
	Feb. 25	I. H. Jones receipt books stationery and revenue stamps.....	6 06
	" "	G. F. Adams revenue stamps.....	84
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			\$ 47 53

## N. R. H. Taxes.

1863	By last year's Selectmen	
Mar.	John L. Fletcher (R. Hatches heirs)	1 24
1864	NEW ENTRIES	
Feb. 25	E. G. Shute N. R. H. Tax receipts taken up.....	75 13

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 76 37

## N. H. INSANE ASYLUM.

1863-4	Paid for support of John G. Bond	132 53
	" " " " Sarah Cowdrey	151 83

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 284 36

## TOWN OFFICERS.

1863	W. Storer for notifying Town officers	5 00
	Wm. H. Oram Town Treasurer....	20 00
	Sylvanus Brown Auditor.....	2 00
	E. G. Parsons S. S. Committee.....	40 00
1864		
Feb. 20	Geo. W. Barker Town Clerk.....	20 00
" 25	E. G. Shute for collecting taxes....	30 00
	Joshua Morse Selectman 1862-3....	7 67
	" " " 1863-4....	50 74
	E. G. Shute " 1862-3....	7 67
	" " " " 1863-4....	50 00
	I. H. Jones " 1863-4....	69 91

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 302 99

## ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

1863	Percentage deducted on amount of taxes on list of 1863 paid before Sept. 1.....	109 48
	Heirs of B. McMurphy 1861-2.....	21 46
	G. O. Clark 1863.....	3 91
	Hugh B. Spinney 1862.....	2 00
	Ira W. Ring " .....	2 00
	A. D. Jenness 1863.....	2 19
	Isaac Butterfield " .....	2 19
	John Parker " .....	9 65

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 152 88

## MISCELLANEOUS.

1863	By last years Selectmen	
Mar.	J. L. Fletcher Guide post and labor	1 50
	S. Clark 2d Wood for Parish Hall.	3 08

## NEW ENTRIES

	W. W. Poor Postage.....'	81
	J. Morse expenses to Concord twice	5 00
	E. G. Shute expenses to Manchester	1 00
Nov.	I. H. Jones expenses to Concord and Gilford.....	4 60
	S. Marshall for Town Pump.....	9 78
	Geo. F. Adams glass for Parish Hall	1 08
	C. C. Parker Oil.....	94
	E. Cogswell tolling bell, sawing wood &c.....	19 42
Apr. 27	School House tax Dist. No. 11.....	368 00
Nov. 5	" " " " " 8.....	40 00
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		455 21

## NOTES PAID.

1863		
May 4	Margarett Adams.....	861 00
Oct. 5	Geo. W. Barker.....	120 00
Sept. 28	Mrs. Jane Smyth on note dated April 20, 1863.....	150 00
Oct. 26	Joshua Morse on note dated Sept. 24, 1863.....	50 00
Sept. 29	Robert T. Chase on note dated Dec. 1, 1863.....	50 00
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		1231 00

## INTEREST PAID.

1863.		
May. 4.	Margarett Adams. ....	\$342 00
Sept. 10.	Mrs. E. Kimball. ....	12 00
28.	Mrs. J. Smyth, ....	7 90
29.	Philip Nowell, ....	72 00
Oct. 5.	Geo. W. Barker, ....	12 67
Feb. 20.	Amoskeag bank, ....	40 00
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		486 57

## SUMMARY.

Amount of receipts .....	25745 80
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## EXPENDITURES.

Paid on account of Schools, .....	1053 35
Roads and bridges, .....	90 96
Alms house, .....	147 12
Transient poor, .....	187 96
Grave yard, .....	66 22
State aid, .....	2663 76

Bounties, .....	18076 50	
Books stationery and printing, .....	47 53	
N. R. H. Taxes .....	76 37	
N. H. Insane Asylum, .....	284 36	
Town Officers, .....	302 99	
Abatements of taxes, .....	152 88	
Miscellaneous, .....	455 21	
Notes paid, .....	1231 00	
Interest, .....	486 57	
Outstanding orders .....	80 00	
Lent to John Parker. Dec. 8 1863, ...	200 00	
Cash in treasury, ... ..	143 02	
	<hr/>	25745,80

## E. G. SHUTE COLLECTOR.

<b>March 1. 1863,</b>			DB.
To uncollected taxes, .....	2870 16		
<b>May 29,</b>			
To amount of tax list of 1863, .....	5913 34		
	<hr/>	8783 50	CR.
By cash paid treasurer, .....	3747 70		
By paid county tax .....	963 41		
By. paid State tax, .....	1474 20		
<b>Feb. 25, 1864</b>			
By amount of uncollected taxes, .....	2598 19		
	<hr/>	8783 50	

## TOWN OF DERRY TO NOTES PAYABLE

<b>1859,</b>			DB.
<b>April 3.</b>	Mrs Eliza Kimball, .....	200 00	
25.	George Moor, ....	52 47	
"	" " .....	273 17	
<b>Feb. 1.</b>	Jenette Humphrey, ..	100 00	
"	Benjamin Barker, .....	100 00	
<b>1860</b>			
<b>Feb. 1.</b>	Jenette Humphrey, .....	120 00	
<b>Sept. 28.</b>	David Bassett, .....	100 00	
<b>Oct. 26.</b>	Alexis Proctor, .....	400 00	
<b>1861.</b>			
<b>July 18.</b>	George Moor, .....	500 00	
<b>Sept. 4.</b>	" " .....	500 00	
<b>1862</b>			
<b>Jan. 17.</b>	I. Hubbard, .....	100 00	
<b>Apr. 4.</b>	David Stinson, .....	300 00	
<b>Sept. 26.</b>	Lily Cochran, .....	54 56	



Oct. 11. 1863	Philip Nowell, .....	1,200 00	
Apr. 20.	William Moor, .....	500 00	
	Mrs. Jane Smyth, .....	300 00	
Sept. 15.	Moses Hamilton, .....	1,000 00	
	George Moor, .....	300 00	
	Lizzie G. Wilson, .....	350 00	
	John Moor (Londonderry,) . . . . .	900 00	
Sept. 17.	Lizzie Kelly, .....	1,500 00	
24.	Joshua Morse, ...	300 00	
Nov. 18. 1863.	Alexander McMurphy, .....	1,000 00	
Dec. 1.	Charlotte Dustin, .....	300 00	
	Robert T. Chase, .....	250 00	
	Sylvanus Brown, .....	600 00	
	Honora Cowan. ....	200 00	
11.	Benjamin Merrill, .....	100 00	
	John Ordway .....	1,000 00	
	Philip Nowell, .....	1,000 00	
	Moses Noyes, .....	150 00	
Aug. 11.	Ithamar Hubbard, (renewed,) ....	150 00	
12.	Mrs. Sarah H. Moor, (renewed,) ....	650 10	
Dec. 11.	John Taylor, .....	4,500 00	
	Jesse Little, .....	500 00	
	Thomas Little .....	150 00	
	Mrs. Lydia Senter .....	80 00	
Dec. 16 1864	B. F. Eastman .....	400 00	
Feb. 4	Jenette Humphrey .....	200 00	
22	G. N. Warner (renewed) .....	959 27	
25	" " " .....	200 00	
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Interest due on the above notes Feb. 25, 1863			21539 57
			872 68
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			22412 25

# BALANCE SHEET.

## TOWN OF DERRY.

Dr.

To Notes Payable...	21539	57
" Interest due on Notes.....	872	68
" Amount due Districts 4, 9, 10 and 11 ..	237	40
	<u>22649</u>	65

## TOWN OF DERRY.

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By uncollected Taxes .....	2598	19
" Amount due from U. S. Government..	6644	00
" " " " State .....	1790	53
" " " " County .....	79	20
" " " " H. P. Hood... ..	70	20
" " " " John Parker.....	200	00
" " Cash in Treasury.....	143	02
	<u>11525</u>	14

Balance being the amount of Town Debt 11124 51

JOSHUA MORSE, } Selectmen  
E. G. Shute, } of  
Isaac H. Jones, } Derry.

I have carefully examined the foregoing Town accounts, which for the past year have been kept in a lucid and orderly manner, and find them correctly cast, and satisfactory vouchers for every item.

SYLVANUS BROWN, AUDITOR.

Derry, March 2d, A. D. 1864.

The increase of indebtedness of the Town during the present year, as shown by comparison of Balance Sheets is \$8862 20.

This increase has been caused by the payment of bounties to conscripts and substitutes under draft of August 11, 1863, and for volunteers to fill the quota of the Town under call of October 17, 1863.

Affairs at the Almshouse are in a prosperous condition, as will be seen by the annexed statement. The milk sold has amounted to \$407.48, paid for shorts \$60.00.

The Treasurer's account, being identical with that of the Selectmen, is omitted.

JOSHUA MORSE, } Selectmen  
E. G. SHUTE, } of  
ISAAC H. JONES. } Derry.

*INVOICE of Property at Almshouse February 23, 1863.*

Town farm and buildings, .....	4,000 00
Household furniture &c., .....	500 00
1 horse, .....	75 00
1 pair oxen, .....	160 00
11 cows, .....	395 00
2 heifers, .....	50 00
3 sheep, .....	24 00
4 swine, .....	54 00
hay .....	215 00
farming tools, lumber &c., .....	200 00
wood at the door, .....	100 00
2 barrels pork, .....	52 00
200 bushels potatoes, .....	100 00
2 bbls. beef, .....	26 00
fish, .....	5 00
150 lbs. ham, .....	19 50
lard, & tallow, .....	12 00
2 bbls. soap, .....	12 00
cider and vinegar, .....	25 00
beans, .....	15 00
corn, .....	95 00
rye, barley, oats and shorts, .....	39 00
apples, .....	9 00
apples dried, .....	8 00
butter, .....	12 00
Rolls, .....	6 00
	<hr/> 6,208 50

**ALMSHOUSE BALANCE SHEET.**

1863

**DR**

To amount drawn from Treasury including balance of salary of Superintendent, .....	147 12
Invoice of property made Feb. 25, 1863, ....	6041 00
To amount of bills paid by Superintendent ..	661 50

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6849 62

**CR.**

By invoice of property made Feb, 22, 1863, .....	6,208 50
By amount sold from farm, .....	776 88
By amount due from H. P. Hood, .....	70 20
By amount received from county, .....	103 46
	<hr/> 7,159 04
Balance in favor of Almshouse, .....	<hr/> 309 42

# SCHOOL REPORT.

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The Superintendent of Schools submits to the town the following, as his annual report. The several schools may first be noticed in their order.

## DISTRICT NO. 1.

The Summer school in this district, was well taught and governed by a young lady fresh from the schools, where she had been fitly trained for her work. A sunny air filled the room. Mr. Jones brought to his duties during the Winter term a wide and peculiar experience, both in instructing and in discipline. The school was a model one in all respects.

## DISTRICT NO. 2.

During the Summer this school was under thorough instruction and good management. The rules in the several branches taught, were recited with rare correctness. Singing gave tone and life to the other exercises. The Winter school found in Mr. Marshall, a most competent and devoted teacher. What his pupils profess to understand they *know*, and can clearly state to others. The reading was specially natural and forcible. It is enough to say that Mr. Mashall taught with his usual success.

## DISTRICT NO. 3.

This school has had a very favorable year. Everything was done with an even, firm hand. Miss Ballou has earned a good reputation by this first experiment in teaching.



## DISTRICT NO. 4.

The last winter, this school was broken up by sickness. The effects of this have been felt throughout the year. The teacher in the Summer was earnest in her somewhat difficult work, to the last. Mr. Warner, one of our most approved teachers, after one week in the school room at the opening of the winter term, was attacked by the disease which speedily closed his life. His death is a serious public loss. It was a touching tribute to his services in the cause of education, when so many of his pupils in years past, from different schools and places, came together at his funeral. Mr. Shute made his first effort in teaching under unusual embarrassments, but he brought to the task before him such decision and energy, as carried him successfully through his duties, and merit decided commendation. Good order was secured. Quite a number of the scholars were neither absent nor tardy. The advanced class in arithmetic appeared very well.

## DISTRICT NO. 5.

This school was orderly and attentive throughout the summer term. In the winter it was admirably drilled by Mr. Wilson. The district did wisely in securing his valuable services, and then in making the most of them. A new school house would have put the jewel in a casket.

## DISTRICT NO. 6.

This school, along with several others, suffered from sickness. At the several visits of the Committee, both teacher and pupils appeared well. There was method and clearness in the instruction given, and a gentle but true ruling.

## DISTRICT NO. 7.

Miss Moore had hardly more than begun her work in this district, when the inroads of disease among the scholars led to the closing of the school. She wrought faithfully while she taught. In the winter term Mr. Clark began his experience as an instructor. Both teacher and scholars did credit to themselves. The general exercises were well conducted.

## DISTRICT NO. 8.

This school, both in summer and winter, was in an excellent condition. There was perfect good feeling between the teacher and pupils. In the winter Mr. Varnum had scholars from the alphabet to the highest English branches. The examinations were well sustained and very satisfactory.

## DISTRICT NO. 9.

Miss Webster accomplished a good work in this district both in summer and winter. The order of the school was particularly noticeable. Singing received special attention. Spelling and declamation, out of the hours of school, awakened much interest.

## DISTRICT NO. 10.

The teacher of this school showed a patient drill and vigor among her little flock that would be an honor and success in the largest school.

## DISTRICT NO. 11.

Miss Bartlett closed her labors, extending through several seasons in this district, with the summer term. She carried with her the warm regards of her pupils and their parents. Her last work was well done. The winter school was conducted by a former scholar of hers, who steadily and effectively maintained the reputation of the school.

## DISTRICT NO. 12.

Miss Hazelton performed her services as the head of the school kindly, neatly and thoroughly. Twice sickness visited the school, thinning its ranks, yet at the close the scholars who were able to be present, gave proof of good teaching and faithful study.

Passing now to some general remarks, the first patent fact in the review of our schools for the year is, that no one of them has been a failure. There has been much sickness, causing the suspension of several of them; there have been varying degrees of excellence and success among the teachers, and the public interest in the districts has varied quite as widely; yet of no school can we say that it was a loss and waste. This is a point of no slight moment. A good school is a great public benefit; a poor one is as serious a curse. As a second fact, it may be stated that very few scholars are to be found in our schools who seem bent on misrule and mischief. In most of them the government has been an easy task. This speaks well for the older pupils, who form the public sentiment of the school room, and for the home training. A better class of advanced scholars cannot be produced.

I propose to devote the remainder of this report to a single topic—*thoroughness in the school room*. I take up this subject with the more interest, because I believe our Academies are having a very strong and happy influence in this respect, over our younger teachers, and older pupils. This spirit should be diffused through the town.

Against all efforts in this direction are native indolence, evil habits,

and the American notion of speed—of doing every thing at once. Our scholars, perhaps aided in this at home, wish to press from one book to another in a series or course, without regard to a perfect mastery of what is therein. Whoever would be thorough must be prepared to meet obstacles. The system of perfect drilling should begin with the alphabet. If the mind be dull, more time must be taken. *There must be a constant repetition of the rules, and processes, and reasons, till they become a part of one's being.* Nothing should be hurried or slurred over. Every thing should be *finished*. When reading is attended to, whether once a day, or once in two days, let it be *reading—thorough practice*. So of all the exercises. Any mind will soon love this stress, this exactness, as it does martial music.

The School Commissioner for Rockingham county, in his last address in town, strongly advocated an appropriation of money by the town to our Academies, and then the transferring the advanced pupils from the schools to them free of tuition. As our academies are endowed, this plan would give us the benefits of the high schools of larger places at a very reduced expense. If this were done, or something like it were done by our larger and more central districts, the lower classes could be far better drilled and brought forward more rapidly. A teacher who has under his care an academy in part, and in part a common school with small children, has a task no one can perform. He must be hasty and superficial somewhere. It is plain if we would have this perfect system of drilling, we must have *thoroughly trained teachers*, especially at the first. The foundations must be well laid. The earliest habits must be right. The rest comes in course. On our Prudential Committees a very grave duty is laid. They select the instructors. In a community enjoying educational privileges such as ours, where the standing of a scholar may be exactly known, there need be no lack of the most competent teachers. It is an open fact that most of our best instructors for years past have been from among ourselves. A noble class of young men and women is rising up to take the places of those who are laying off the armor.

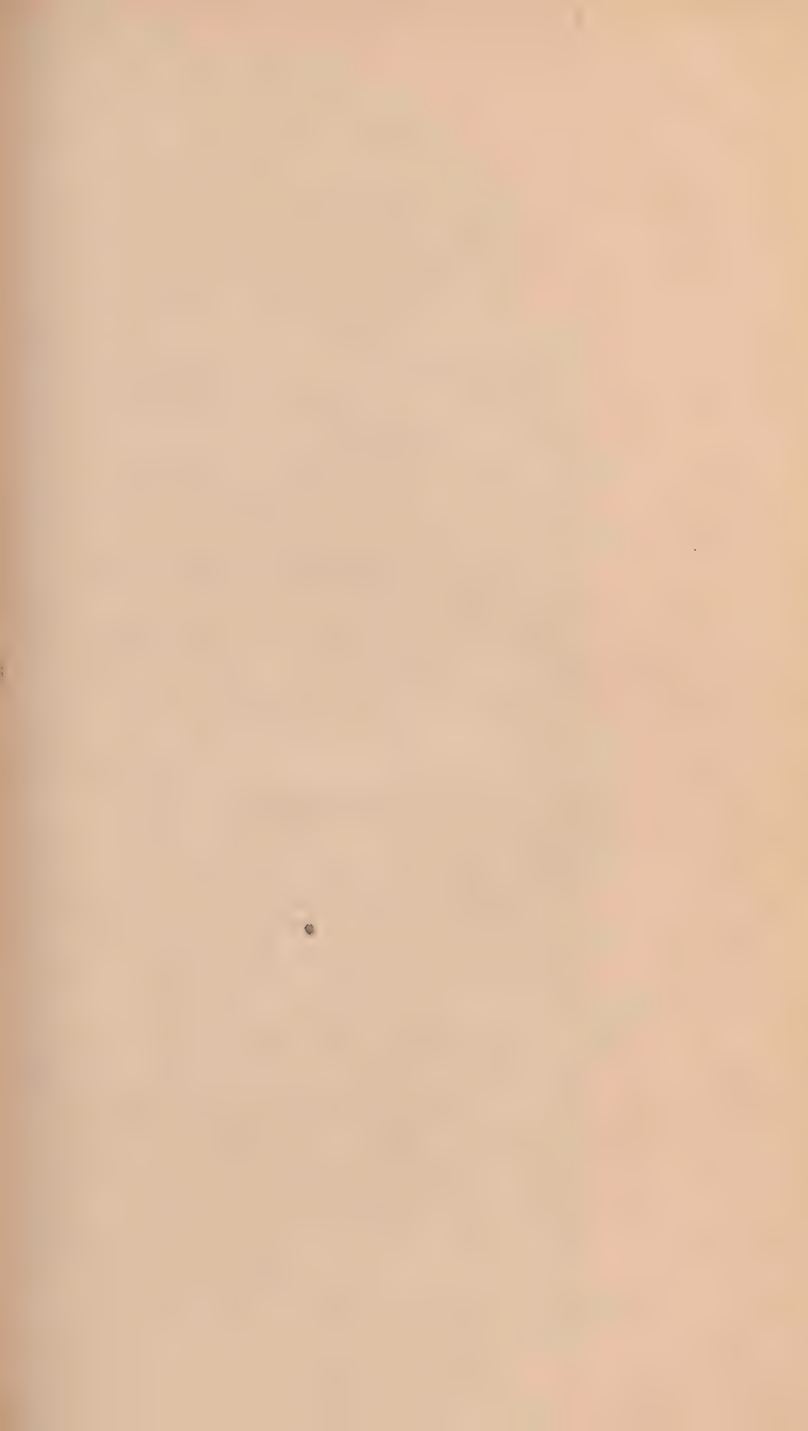
Such thoroughness is a good in itself. What is done should be well done. With good moral influences it will go to form a true character, opposed to all shams and cheats. In this age it is a necessary passport to the highest success. That nation conquers whose forces are best drilled, whose enginery of war is the most perfect by sea and land. So in the arts of peace. As a rule, he will go to the first positions who is the most perfectly trained. Let us never forget this in the education of the young. Let us be earnest, be thorough, and *aim at the highest mark*.

LEONARD S. PARKER,  
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

## STATISTICS OF THE SEVERAL SCHOOLS

Dist.	Teachers.	L'gth of Term.	No. Sch'l'rs.	Av. At.
1	Miss M. L. Webster, .....	16	54	48
	Mr. I. H. Jones, .....	11	55	46½
2	Miss E. Cutler.....	16	58	45
	Mr. Wm. Marshall,.....	13	58	48
3	Miss N. R. Ballou, .....	10	22	19
		12	20	15
4	Miss A. S. Hall,.....	10	44	38
	Mr. Benj. Warner, .....	1		
	Mr. B. H. Shute, .....	13	47	40½
5	Miss S. A. Campbell, .....	8	21	18
	Mr. C. H. Wilson,.....	8	40	35
6	Miss S. E. Sawyer.....	17½	29	26
7	Miss L. H. Moore, .....	5	29	25
	Mr. W. Clark, .....	12	31	25
8	Miss M. P. Clark, .....	11	31	28
	Mr. W. B. Varnum,.....	9½	49	44½
9	Miss F. M. Webster,.....	9	28	24
		11	29	25
10	Miss J. E. Brown,.....	10	5	3
11	Miss J. M. Bartlett,.....	9	29	24
	Miss L. J. Priest,.....	8	22	16
12	Miss S. A. Hazelton,.....	19	9	8







## Selectmen's Report.

The receipts for the year have been as follows :

1865.			
Mar. 1.	Amount in Treasury, Feb. 25, 1864,	\$143 02	
	Money hired for use of Town,	30470 61	
	Received from State (State aid)	3013 71	
	" " " (Literary fund)	134 68	
	" " " (Bounties)	7274 00	
	" " " (Rail Road tax,	418 00	
	" " Collector of taxes,	8531 11	
	" " County,	444 57	
			\$50429 70

The Selectmen have paid as follows :

### SCHOOLS.

District No. 1,	\$100 00
" " 2,	233 67
" " 3,	61 82
" " 4, 1863,	127 63
" " 4, 1864,	119 24
" " 5,	69 10
" " 6,	65 92
" " 7, including Salem,	122 02
" " 8,	121 59
" " 9, 1863,	54 95
" " 9, 1864,	86 10
" " 10, 1863,	31 95
" " 10, 1864,	31 17
" " 11, 1863,	20 11
" " 11, 1864,	83 41
" " 12, including Chester,	71 66

\$1400 34

### ROADS AND BRIDGES.

1864.		
June.	Paid Hiram Sargent, plank for bridge,	\$2 08
July 1,	" W. W. Poor, teaming plank and stringers,	4 50
18,	" B. F. Eastman, plank and stringers,	42 17
5,	" C. C. Parker, spikes,	1 60
	" R. Boyd, labor on bridge,	11 00
Aug. 30,	" John C. Rowell, labor on bridge,	28 50
	" Brown & Ela, timber,	6 00
	" Robert Rogers, labor,	6 00
	" William Reynolds, labor, &c.,	44 50
	" I. H. Jones, labor,	25 75

	" S. Clark, 2d, labor and board,	67 83	
	" James Rogers, labor and tools,	17 25	
	" Joshua Morse, labor,	12 75	
Sept.	" N. Brown, labor,	7 50	
	" W. C. Ela, labor,	7 50	
	" J. C. Rowell, labor,	18 00	
	" W. W. Poor, labor,	12 00	
	" W. W. Poor, plank,	1 90	
	" E. Adams, 2d, labor and plank,	30 36	
Oct.	Isaac Bradford, labor,	1 84	
	D. P. Page, labor on bridge,	45 00	
	Isaac Chase, plank and spikes,	32 11	
	J. C. Drew, labor,	52 00	
Nov.	C. Chase, labor,	26 00	
	J. B. Taylor, labor,	14 25	
Dec.	G. A. Goodhue, labor and plank,	8 37	
	R. Boyd, labor,	6 41	
	John C. Drew, labor,	3 00	
		<hr/>	\$536 17

1865.

## ALMSHOUSE.

Feb. 25, Paid D. Stinson, balance salary, \$152 10

1864.

## TRANSIENT POOR.

Mar.	Paid S. Clark 2d, wood for G. Alexander,	\$25 75	
Sept, 15,	" D. Carr, wood for Mrs. McMurphy,	19 66	
	G. F. Adams, supplies for do.,	7 00	
	" " " " Kate Kelly,	36 00	
	N. Ripley, wood for " "	7 00	
	Dr. Clark, med. attendance at almshouse,	5 00	
	W. Cochran, support of Mrs. Caldwell,	11 00	
	J. Folsom, supplies for Mrs. Evans,	4 55	
	G. F. Adams, " " " "	2 35	
Dec.	I. A. Butterfield, moving paupers,	3 00	
	N. Ordway, " "	1 00	
	Dr. Crombie, medical attendance,	12 34	
	J. Sheldon, support of N. F. Sheldon,	26 00	
	Supplies for Mrs. Randall,	15 00	
	" for Mrs. Major,	38 50	
	" for Mrs. J. Parker,	36 14	
		<hr/>	\$250 29

1865.

## GRAVE YARD.

Feb. 25,	Paid L. Wilson, repairing tools,	\$ 50	
	I. G. Goodwin, repairing tools,	1 85	
	James Taylor's bill,	46 00	
		<hr/>	\$48 35

## STATE AID.

Paid to families of Volunteers, \$3697 62



1864.

## BOUNTIES.

Paid 13 men, under call of Feb. 1864,	\$2502 00
Paid three drafted men, for substitutes,	900 00
Paid 19 valunteers and substitutes, under call, July 18,	11400 00
Paid 1 volunteer, 2 years,	600 00
Paid 13 volunteers 1 year,	6000 00
Paid 7 volunteers, under call of Dec. 19, '64	3750 00
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	\$25152 00

## RECRUITING.

Paid expenses of recruiting,	\$578 54
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1864.

## BOOKS AND STATIONERY.

Mar. 7, W. H. Fisk, printing reports,	\$27 00
Apr. 13, Paid McFarland & Jenks, blank notes,	1 75
30, Expenses for Collector's book,	1 03
May 6, W. H. Fisk, surveyor's books,	3 00
June, 26, McFarland & Jenks, tax bills,	3 50
Sept. J. B. Clarke, notices,	1 50
I. H. Jones, stationery, stamps, &c.,	6 55
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	\$44 33

## N. R. H. TAXES.

Paid E. G. Shute, receipts taken up,	\$52 90
Paid surveyors, by Selectmen,	106 43
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	\$153 33

## N. H. INSANE ASYLUM.

Paid, support of John G. Bond,	\$167 20
Paid, support of Sarah Cowdrey,	180 42
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	\$347 62

1865.

## SNOW PATHS.

Feb. 25. Paid N. Warner,	8 41
R. Rogers, jr.,	14 40
Robert Taylor,	23 68
A. G. Merrill,	17 45
Horace Bond,	4 05
Wm. Cunningham,	10 35
John Baker,	1 08
M. G. Steele,	9 39
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	\$88 81

1864.

## TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Woodbury Storer, notifying officers,	6 00
A. Proctor, balance for services as Selectman, 1862-3,	12 00
J. Morse, balance for services as Selectman, 1863-4,	6 50
I. H. Jones, services as Selectman, 1863-4,	7 08
Rev. L. S. Parker, S. S. Committee,	40 00
George W. Barker, Town Clerk,	20 00

Isaac H. Jones, Selectman,	83 50	
W. W. Poor, "	75 00	
Benjamin Merrill,	56 00	
E. G. Shute, collecting taxes,	50 00	
Dr. S. Brown, Auditor,	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$358 08

## MISCELLANEOUS.

1864.			
Mar. 6.	Paid John H. Waterman, wood for Parish Hall,	6 00	
	J. M. Wood, horse hire at Lawrence, J.		
	Parker case,	10 50	
	C. C. Parker, oil, &c.,	78	
	Chas. H. Swett, setting glass,	1 50	
1865.	J. B. Taylor, wood for Parish Hall,	8 25	
	A. Redfield, cutting wood,	1 50	
	Jacob S. Couch, expenses to Manchester,	3 00	
	C. O. Butrick, horse hire to Hampstead,	1 50	
	E. Cogswell, tolling bell and care of Parish Hall,	14 75	
		<hr/>	\$47 78

## ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

1864.			
Feb.	D. Batchelder,	97	
1865.	Moses Webster,	81	
Feb. 27,	E. G. Kelley,	19 85	
	Mrs. J. Smyth,	1 50	
	J. C. Sleeper,	3 19	
	Wm. Taylor,	5 49	
	Discount on taxes paid before Sept.		
	15, 1864,	259 26	
		<hr/>	\$291 07

## NOTES PAID.

1864.			
Apr. 6.	B. F. Eastman,	400 00	
12.	David Stinson,	300 00	
May 11.	Mrs. Honora Cowan, on note,	50 00	
Aug. 11.	George N. Warner, on note,	300 00	
Sept. 7.	Mrs. L. E. Senter,	80 00	
1865.			
Jan. 31.	John Moor,	900 00	
Feb. 1,	C. O. Butrick, on note,	400 00	
11,	Mrs. Honora Cowan, on note,	100 00	
25.	David Bassett,	100 00	
27.	A. McMurphy, on note,	324 54	
28.	Moses Hamilton,	1000 00	
		<hr/>	\$3954 54

## INTEREST PAID.

1864.			
Apr. 6.	B. F. Eastman,	7 20	
12.	D. Stinson,	37 52	
May 4.	Mrs. E. Kimball,	12 00	
11.	Mrs. Honora Cowan,	5 26	

Aug. 19.	Jas. Holmes,	11 00
Sept. 7.	Mrs. L. E. Senter,	3 45
	15. Moses Hamilton,	60 00
	17. E. G. Kelley,	90 00
Dec. 15.	John Baker,	4 50
	16. Hale True,	10 83
1865.		
Jan. 28.	P. Nowell,	138 00
	Mrs. E. Harvey,	7 09
	31 John Moor,	75 46
Feb. 23.	Mrs. E. Kimball,	10 63
	25. David Bassett,	29 17
	B. Adams,	9 10
	28. Moses Hamilton,	27 50
	Janett Humphrey,	12 36
		<u>\$541 07</u>

## SUMMARY.

Paid on account of schools,	1400 84
Roads and Bridges,	536 17
Almshouse,	152 10
Transient Poor,	250 29
Grave Yard,	48 35
State Aid,	8697 62
Bounties,	25152 00
Recruiting,	578 54
Books and Stationery,	44 33
N. R. H. Taxes,	153 38
N. H. Insane Asylum,	347 62
Snowpaths,	88 81
Town Officers,	358 08
Miscellaneous,	47 78
Notes,	8954 54
Interest,	541 07
Abatement Taxes,	291 07
State Tax,	2730 00
County Tax,	1027 65
School House Tax, Dist No 4,	40 00
" " " " " "	11, 625 00
State Notes in Treasury	4700 00
Cash in Treasury.	3665 01
	<u>\$ 50429 70</u>
Amount of Receipts,	\$ 50429 70

1864 E. G. SHUTE, COLLECTOR. Dr.

Feb. 25.	To amount uncollected taxes,	2598 19
	" " Tax list 1864,	8962 94
		<u>\$ 11561 13</u>
		Cr.
	By cash paid Treasurer,	4108 46
	" " paid State Tax,	2730 00

" " County Tax,	1027 65
" " S. H. Tax, Dis't No. 11,	625 00
" " " " " " 4,	40 00
1865	
March, 1, Amount uncollected Taxes,	3030 02
	<hr/> \$ 11561 13

# 1859 NOTES PAYABLE.

April 3, George Moor,	52 47
" 25, " "	273 17
Feb. 1, Janett Humphrey,	100 00
1860	
Feb. 1, " "	120 00
Oct. 26, A. Proctor,	400 00
1861	
July 18, George Moor,	500 00
Sept. 4, " "	500 00
1862	
Jan. 17, I. Hubbard,	100 00
Sept. 26, Lily Cochran,	54 56
Oct. 11, P. Nowell,	1200 00
1863	
Sept. 15, George Moor,	300 00
" Lizzie G. Wilson,	350 00
" 17, Elizabeth Kelley,	1500 00
" Joshua Morse,	300 00
Nov. 18, A. McMurphy,	1000 00
Dec. 1, Charlotte Dustin,	300 00
" R. T. Chase,	250 00
" S. Brown,	600 00
Dec. 11, B. Merrill,	100 00
" John Ordway,	1000 00
" P. Nowell,	1000 00
" Moses Noyes,	150 00
Aug. 11, I. Hubbard,	150 00
Dec. 11, John Taylor,	4500 00
" Jesse Little,	500 00
Thomas Little,	150 00
1864	
Feb. 4, Janett Humphrey,	200 00
Apr. 11, James Reed,	800 00
" 13, S. Brown,	300 00
" 15, R. Melvin,	500 00
" 18, H. Forger,	190 00
" 20, William Moor,	525 00
" Mrs. J. Smyth,	150 00
25 Hiram Sargent,	1600 00
May 2, S. Wilson,	400 00
" 3, Mary Adams,	1650 00
" 10, E. G. Kelley,	1100 00
" 11, Mrs. Honora Cowan,	150 00



" 18,	John B. Taylor,	1400 00
" 28,	George Major,	200 00
July 25	Frank G. Adams,	200 00
26	John Ordway,	1000 00
27	R. T. Chase,	100 00
	E. Dustin,	300 00
	A. McMurphy,	1360 00
	Harriet Hastings,	100 00
	Moses Proctor,	500 00
Aug. 1,	Mrs Mary Tyrie,	200 00
2	A. Proctor,	400 00
	B. Merrill,	150 00
3	Joseph Leach,	160 00
8	Robert Wellington,	600 00
12	George B. Tuttle,	500 00
17	M. J. Whidden,	150 00
18	Caleb Whidden,	575 00
	Mrs. Nancy Taylor,	500 00
20	Caled Whidden,	80 00
20	Mrs. Mary Tyrie,	290 00
22	A. Woodward,	450 00
23	J. S. Couch,	400 00
24	P. Nowell,	1000 00
27	Moses Noyes,	200 00
29	S. H. Quincy,	1965 61
Sept. 2.	J. P. Whitcomb,	1500 00
5	C. O. Butrick,	1000 00
9	Marshall Merriam,	1000 00
16	Chas. F. Wheeler,	400 00
	Theodore Dinsmore,	500 00
	H. A. G. Storer,	400 00
Oct. 3,	W. H. Hayes,	500 00
Nov. 15,	Charles A. Nowell,	
1865		
Jan. 28,	B. Barker,	105 00
29,	John Baker,	250 00
Feb. 1,	John Patten,	200 00
	N. A. Bray,	600 00
2	Mrs. L. E. Larkin,	100 00
	Abbie C. Rogers,	150 00
	James Reed,	200 00
	H. A. G. Storer,	100 00
	First Parish in Derry,	400 00
3	E. G. Shute,	300 00
	S. Brown,	100 00
	Theo. Dinsmore,	100 00
	Joseph Leach,	100 00
7	E. P. Upton,	1050 00
13	Geo. N. Warner,	1054 20
25	George Reed,	500 00

22	John Bowley,	500 00	
	S. Brown,	200 00	
27	John B. Taylor,	400 00	
	Caleb Whidden,	100 00	
		<hr/>	\$ 48105 01
Interest due on above notes March 1, 1865,			\$ 2157 37
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			\$ 50262 38

## BALANCE SHEET.

1865. Town of Derry,		Dr.
Mar. 1. To Notes payable,	48105 01	
Interest due on Notes,	2157 37	
	<hr/>	\$50262 38
By uncollected taxes,	3030 02	Cr.
Due from State,	2357 85	
U. S. Government,	5470 00	
County,	55 00	
Estate of J. Parker,	200 00	
State Notes in Treasury,	4700 00	
Cash in Treasury,	3665 01	
	<hr/>	\$19477 88
Balance being amount of town debt,		\$30784 50

ISAAC H. JONES, } Selectmen  
W. W. POOR, } of  
BENJ. MERRILL, } Derry.

This certifies that I have examined all bills, notes, interest accounts, &c., which have been paid from February 25th, 1864, to March 1st, 1865, as exhibited in the foregoing report, and believe them to be arithmetically correct, and duly vouched by original receipts and public records. All charges and demands of the Selectmen and other town officers for services, recruiting expenses, &c., being paid by allowance of the Board, and all charges by others being verified by receipts from the parties paid from the Treasury, the drafts from which have yet to pass the continued ordeal of individual conscience and public investigation.

Derry, March 9, A. D. 1865. SYLVANUS BROWN, Auditor.

The town debt has increased the past year twenty thousand dollars, caused by bounties paid to fifty-six volunteers and substitutes during the year. The town is now a borrower of money to the amount of fifty thousand dollars. For obvious reasons it is important that this debt be immediately funded or placed in time notes, and we would advise that the town take action to that effect.

The Almshouse has paid expenses the past year, and one dollar and twenty cents, through the county, into the Treasury.

ISAAC H. JONES, } Selectmen  
W. W. POOR, } of  
BENJ. MERRILL, } Derry.

## Invoice of property at Almshouse Feb. 25, 1865:

Farm and buildings,	4000 00	Wood at door,	100 00
Household Furniture, &c.	500 00	Beans, Dried Apples, &c.,	33 00
1 horse,	75 00	Hams,	48 00
9 cows,	450 00	1½ barrels pork,	55 00
1 pair oxen,	215 00	1½ " beef,	30 00
Hay,	285 00	25 lbs. butter,	12 00
3 swine,	50 00	Lard and tallow,	18 00
3 sheep,	25 00	Apples,	15 00
Farming Tools,	290 00	Wool,	3 00
Lumber,	15 00	2½ bbls. soap,	10 00
Corn,	120 00	Potatoes and vegetables,	124 00
Rye, barley, oats, &c.,	35 00	Cider and vinegar,	50 00

\$6558 00

## ALMSHOUSE BALANCE SHEET.

Dr.

1864. To amount drawn from Treasury, balance salary of Superintendent, 152 10

Invoice of property made Feb. 22, 1864, 6208 00

To amount of bills paid by Superintendent, 807 69

\$7167 79

Cr.

By invoice of property, Feb. 25, 1865, 6658 00

Amount sold from Farm, 920 64

Due from H. P. Hood, 113 52

Received from County, 153 30

\$7845 46

Balance in favor of Almshouse,

\$677 67

# SCHOOL REPORT.

According to custom and to law, the Superintendent of schools presents to the town the following report for the year now closing:

## DISTRICT NO.1.

This school was thoroughly taught and well governed during the summer by Miss Alexander, who has done good service in this district in former years. Energy filled the room as a living force. The voices of the pupils in reading and in recitation were clear and full. What was attempted was well done.

At the commencement of the winter term, the school was partially interrupted by the illness of the teacher; and it is still in session. Mr. Varnum has maintained his well earned reputation as a superior instructor. Nothing is wanting on his part to make the school all that is to be desired. The scholars have made steady and decided progress, and the final examination promises to be eminently satisfactory.

## DISTRICT NO. 2.

A female teacher has had charge of this school throughout the year. It has been the practice in this district to employ a male instructor for the winter term. Of the character of Miss Cutler as a teacher, the same general remarks may be made as are contained in the report of the last year. In no school has more careful attention been paid to elementary principles and rules. The singing of the pupils was especially attractive. At the close of the winter term short pieces were repeated by most of the scholars, down even to the youngest, imparting a pleasing variety to the exercises.

## DISTRICT NO.3.

This school enjoyed for the first term the privilege of being under the care of Miss Howe, a highly accomplished teacher, now filling an important place in the chosen profession out of the State. Massachusetts owes to New Hampshire some of her best educators.

In the autumn Miss McMurphy took her place, and made her first essay at the head of a school. Her success was gratifying, and she promises well as a teacher. It was especially noticeable in a youthful instructor, that the examination was mainly conducted without the aid of text-books.



## DISTRICT NO. 4.

During the summer Miss Kimball taught in her own district an excellent school. In her spirit and manner, authority and affection were finely blended. In the winter, Mr. Jones had charge of the school, and pursued those methods of management and teaching so decidedly commendable the last year. The order of the school was nearly perfect. Nothing was done in unseemly haste, or for show. The scholars who were present at the final review did much credit to themselves and to their teacher.

## DISTRICT NO. 5.

In the rather small and worn room in which this school is held, Miss Hughes taught her first school in summer with universal acceptance. A private school of seven weeks shows the estimation in which her services were held.

Mr. Lowe gave himself earnestly to his work as the instructor of the winter school. The closing exercises were varied and very satisfactory. The parents and scholars in this district show a truly praiseworthy interest in the school.

## DISTRICT NO. 6.

Industry, order and animation were seen in this school through both terms. It speaks volumes for all concerned that (including both sessions), nineteen pupils were not absent a single half day. In Miss Rogers were found some of the best qualities of a teacher.

## DISTRICT NO. 7.

Both in summer and winter this school was in an excellent condition. Not so many advanced scholars were connected with it as formerly, but its members, though young, made good progress. A resident of the district, Miss Warner secured the respect and interest alike of patrons and pupils. Mr. Wilson fully sustained the high reputation he has won as a thorough instructor.

## DISTRICT NO. 8.

For several years this school has been noted for good conduct and scholarship. In the charge of a female teacher through the year, though sending quite a number to the Academies, it still holds a high rank. Miss Webster devoted her best energies to her duties. The scholars had the most pleasant relations with their instructor, and made marked improvement. Singing added much to the interest of the school. A large delegation of parents is sure to be present at examination.

## DISTRICT NO. 9.

This school is coming into the front rank among its peers in town. Miss Ladd made her first trial in teaching in the summer. The school records and the closing exercises witnessed well to her fidelity in her work.

To the Winter term Miss Dana brought some experience as an instructor, and peculiar skill in the whole management of a school. A private school under her care is still in session.

## DISTRICT NO. 10.

This school, still very small, has doubled this year. It is taught in an upper room that is sunny all day. This is the type of the school. The examination of four hours would satisfy the most particular of parents and Committees. Miss Brown has taught here for some years.

## DISTRICT NO. 11.

In this district Miss Priest taught, as the last year, and with equal faithfulness and success. The school-room is one of the best in town. Everything in the school had the stamp of home upon it. Both examinations were eminently fair and will sustained.

## DISTRICT NO. 12.

No change of teacher was made in this school, also, with the happiest results. The number of pupils considerably exceeded that of past years. Though this district is small, it is interesting to notice the fact that numerous visits to the school are recorded in the register. It lay on the face of things, that teacher, pupils and parents were actively engaged in promoting the success of the school.

From the preceeding record, it appears that we are giving in our verdict, along with that of many educators, in favor of a more general employment of female teachers, in winter as well as summer. It is true that care should be taken in selecting such for our large schools. That such can be found, no one informed as to the facts in the case can doubt. With this case, the movement is in the right direction. The School Commissioner expressed himself as fully satisfied with the state of those schools taught by females among us.

Several things may be stated in this connection embraced in the idea of a school as it should be. There should be a neat, suitable school-house, furnished with all that teacher and scholars need in their work. Let every person who loves children ask, "Is this done

in my district?" Next comes up the treatment of the property of the district in the house, furniture and grounds, and of the neighboring premises belonging to individuals. We cannot at too early a period attach the idea of sacredness in the minds of the young to what belongs to others, be they single persons or bodies of men. In after life they will have a great deal to do with such property. We see shocking instances of the violation of this law of Nature and of Revelation everywhere about us. Thoroughly honest men and women are needed. We must begin the training of such in the home and in the school. Practice must be united with instruction. Seats and desks should not be marred, glass should not be broken, walls and fences should not be thrown down, fruit is not to be taken without leave. This is not a small matter. Mental education without good principles and habits is little better than a firebrand in the hand of an insane giant. The heart and the hand must be trained as well as the intellect. Parents, teachers, committees cannot be too thorough here.

Then scholars should attend school, regularly and punctually, from the opening to the close of the term. "Not seldom" the patrons of the school are at fault here. For some slight cause their children are kept at home a week or two after the school commences, or for a day or two now and then in the midst of the term, or especially for some time before the school ends. This is bad for the pupil and for the school. He is burdened and the school is retarded. The review near the close of the term is of great importance, as it fixes in the mind what has been gone over for use in life. And it is an evil omen to see a scholar's place vacant when most needed in coming life. In our large towns such absentees are required to report themselves and give a fair excuse or pledges of future good conduct before they can re-enter the school.

By the consent of all classes, good order is indispensable to a profitable school. But when this end conflicts with parental feelings, a collision is apt to occur, as on railroads. It is not agreeable to fathers and mothers to have their children spoken severely to, or punished. Sometimes under the impulse of a partial report from the school-room, they give utterance to their feelings in a very unguarded manner before their offspring. Or they sow the seeds of disaffection among their neighbors, or withdraw their children from the school. Now, although teachers are imperfect as well as parents, the cases are extremely rare where such a step is necessary or judicious. It is likely to have an injurious effect upon the child, but of such small beginnings may come greater departures from the right way, and even sad ruptures in communities and nations. It is far better to bear with much that seems to us to be human infirmity



than to take such risks. The Arab when displeased with a fellow servant, beats his own head against the walls of the house, to frighten him, as if he were about to commit suicide, and so his blood would be on the head of the guilty survivor. This seems to us a hard and strange mode of punishment for the aggrieved to adopt. It is often so with excited emotions when ungoverned. It would be well to ask the counsel of the wisest and best persons of our acquaintance before taking such an extreme measure. Discipline is invaluable. A strong hand is far safer and better than a weak one.

In conclusion, let it be said, that parents should be with their children in their studies, by their presence as well as in heart, from time to time during the term, and at its close. It has an inspiring influence at once on teacher and scholars. It gives an expression of interest in the school no works can give. Our best schools, both as to study and discipline, are invariably those in which this habit is most prevalent.

All the money expended, and the time spent to secure a good school, bring back to our homes and society a hundred fold increase. We are seeing great things. Our children will see and do greater things than these. In our households and in our seminaries of learning, and in the house of God, let us thoroughly train them for that grander future.

LEONARD S. PARKER,  
Superintending School Committee.



## Statistics of the Several Schools.

District.	Teachers.	Length of term.	No. of scholars.	Average attendance
1	Miss S. A. M. Alexander,	11	58	50
	Mr. W. B. Varnum.	12	53	44
2	Miss E. Cutler.	32	50	37
		10	19	13
3	Miss H. S. Howe.	13½	15	11½
	Miss A. F. McMurphy.	9	44	38
4	Miss A. Kimball,	7	49	39½
	Mr. I. H. Jones.	9	31	25
5	Miss E. F. Hughes.	7	34	23
	Mr. C. H. Lowe.	16	30	27
6	Miss A. C. Rogers.	9	22	18
7	Miss H. L. Warner.	8	24	22
	Mr. C. H. Wilson.	20	35	31
8	Miss F. M. Webster.	8	23	19
9	Miss P. J. Ladd.	10	30	26
	Miss M. E. Dana.	10	8	6
10	Miss J. E. Brown.	18	21	16
11	Miss L. J. Priest.	17	12	10
12	Miss S. A. Hazelton.			



Ending March 1 - 1865

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The receipts for the year have been as follows:—

1866.	Amount in Treasury March 1, 1865,	\$3.665 01
	State notes in " " "	4.700 00
	J. Parker note,	200 00
	Interest received on above notes,	318 03
	Received from State. State aid,	3.333 13
	" " " railroad tax,	454 39
	" " " savings bank tax,	261 19
	" " " literary fund,	44 80
	Received for old hearse,	20 00
	" from E. G. Shute, collector,	1.849 14
	" from I. H. Jones, "	8.605 66
	Amount hired for use of town,	13.110 00
	Amount received from county,	499 20
		<hr/> \$37.060 55

The Selectmen have paid as follows:—

1865.	SCHOOLS.	
District No. 1, 1864,		\$130 39
1865,		205 11
2,		201 91
3,		50 90
4,		115 14
5,		50 83
6,		47 45
7,		109 53
8,		95 00
9,		65 00
11,		53 49
12,		58 00
Salem,		2 59
		<hr/> \$1.185 34

1865.

## ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid A. J. Chase, labor on bridge,	\$13 00
N. Hastings, " " "	1 47
R. T. Chase, " " "	9 00
R. Clendenin, repairing road,	1 50
Wm. Lang, " "	2 00
Wm. Reynolds, labor on bridge,	4 00
E. Adams, railing,	1 00
P. J. Horne, plank and stringers,	63 20
Joshua Morse, building bridge,	20 00
W. W. Poor, plank,	4 78
Moses D Rowell, Hornes' bridge,	5 00
P. J. Horne, " "	13 00
C. O. Butrick, Hornes' bridge,	27 00
B. Merrill, " "	60 50
J. M. Wood, " "	17 35
John C. Rowell, " "	65 12
T. R. Robie, " "	10 16
Joseph Klien, labor on road,	5 00
Dean Batwell, Horne's bridge,	57 50
J. A. Batterfield, teaming,	3 00
Jesse Gibson, " "	75
W. W. Poor, plank,	15 80
M. D. Stokes, use of derrick,	25 00
B. F. Eastman, Horne's bridge,	89 00
H. A. Hills, repairing road,	5 75
B. Barker, timber,	3 50
John B. Taylor, labor on road,	36 75
Samuel F. Taylor,	90
Niel McKendry,	1 00
J. C. Taylor, 1864,	7 50
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\$569 13

1866.

## ALMSHOUSE.

Paid D. Robinson, balance salary,	\$212 81
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1865.

## TRANSIENT POOR.

Paid supplies to Mrs. Evans,	\$13 50
J. Sheldon, care of Nathan S. Sheldon,	26 00
Supplies to Kate Kelly,	1 40
" A. H. Welch,	7 61
Dr. Clark, med. att. on S. Mills,	48 00
S. S. Bridges, care Mrs. Rowell,	10 00
Supplies to Kate Kelly,	11 50
Dr. Campbell, medical att. Mrs. Rowell,	6 00
Supplies to Mrs. Major,	11 50
" Mrs. McMurphy,	10 75



" Mary S. Randall,	5 00	
Mrs. Whidden, care J. Murphy,	10 50	
Supplies to H. S. King,	8 88	
M. S. Randall,	20 00	
Margaret Parker,	62 00	
Peter Huse,	2 46	
Wood to Miss Sargent,	6 00	
" Mrs. McMurphy,	20 03	
" Geo. Alexander,	32 50	
	<hr/>	\$313 63

## 1865. GRAVE YARD.

Paid R. Fellows, painting iron work of tomb,	3 00	
Jas. Taylor, interring bodies,	70 50	
" " care of hearse at funerals,	7 20	
	<hr/>	\$80 70

## STATE AID.

Paid to families of volunteers,	\$1.801 64
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## BOUNTIES.

Paid bounties to nine volunteers,	\$3.606 00
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## 1865. BOOKS AND STATIONERY.

Paid Jas. Priest, collector's books, &c.,	\$1 90	
John B. Clarke, tax receipts,	4 50	
Wm. H. Fisk, town accounts,	26 25	
" " " surveyors and receipt books,	9 22	
W. W. Poor, stamps,	3 60	
Isaac H. Jones, stationery, &c.,	4 30	
	<hr/>	\$49 77

## N. R. H. TAX.

Paid E. G. Shute, receipts taken up,	\$10 75	
I. H. Jones, " " "	81 42	
surveyors, by Selectmen,	23 96	
	<hr/>	\$116 13

## 1865. INSANE ASYLUM.

Paid for support of J. G. Bond,	\$182 08	
" " Sarah Cowdrey,	198 22	
	<hr/>	\$380 30

## HOUSE OF REFORMATION.

Paid for board of G. F. Evans,	_____	\$37 14
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## ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Abatement on E. G. Shute's lists,	\$312 58	
"    "    I. H. Jones' list,	105 04	
Discount on taxes paid before Sept. 15, 1865,	824 77	
	_____	\$742 39

1865.

## SNOW PATHS.

Paid J. L. Fletcher,	\$9 60	
John Moor,	23 59	
S. W. Parshley,	11 77	
Moses Proctor,	10 15	
Wm. Reynolds,	52 53	
B. Poor,	2 86	
Geo. N. Proctor,	53 85	
Jas. Miltimore,	15 91	
John B. Taylor,	10 61	
Wm. C. Ela,	47 09	
D. M. Emery,	8 93	
1866. B. P. Rice,	2 25	
	_____	\$249 14

## TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid B. Barker, notifying officers,	6 00	
L. S. Parker, superintending school committee,	40 00	
J. H. Adams, selectman, 1860,	8 00	
E. G. Shute, " 1864,	5 00	
W. W. Poor, " bal. 1865,	12 00	
I. H. Jones, " " "	13 00	
I. H. Jones, selectman 1865-6,	73 50	
W. W. Poor, " " "	75 15	
B. Merrill, " " "	59 00	
Geo. W. Barker, town clerk,	20 00	
" " " treasurer,	30 00	
I. H. Jones, collecting taxes,	75 00	
	_____	\$416 65

1865.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid E. Adams, watering place,	\$3 00
G. Kerry & Co., for hearse,	474 00
P. J. Horne's bill, small pox case,	500 00
Expense of reference in same,	37 00
William Anderson, on town line,	1 00
J. H. Waterman, " " "	1 50
S. Reynolds, watering trough,	7 42

I. G. Goodwin, " "	3 61
E. Cogswell, tolling bell and care of hall,	18 00
Repairs on Parish hall,	1 46
P. B. Rico, plunk and teaming,	6 09
for cashing drafts,	4 75
I. H. Jones, expenses to Concord, &c.,	17 65
Jas. Rogers, sheep killed by dogs,	8 00
R. Alexander, " " "	8 00
T. L. Bradford, six sheep killed by dogs,	30 00
recruiting expenses,	75 65
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	\$1,197 13

## NOTES PAID.

Alexis Proctor,	\$400 00	J. S. Couch,	400 00
Lizzie G. Wilson,	350 00	J. P. Whitcomb,	1,500 00
Joshua Morse,	250 00	C. O. Butrick,	600 00
Charlotte Duston,	300 00	M. Meriam, on note,	500 00
Moses Noyes,	150 00	C. F. Wheeler, on note,	75 00
John Taylor,	4,500 00	Theodore Dinsmore,	500 00
Thomas Little,	150 00	H. A. G. Storer,	500 00
Henry Forger,	190 00	W. H. Hayes, on note,	150 00
Mrs. J. Smyth, on note,	35 00	B. Barker,	105 00
Samuel Wilson,	400 00	John Baker,	250 00
Honora Cowan,	50 00	Mrs. L. E. Larkin,	100 00
George Major,	250 00	H. A. G. Storer,	100 00
Ebenezer Duston,	300 00	E. G. Shute,	300 00
Alex McMurphy,	1,360 00	S. Brown,	100 00
Moses Proctor,	500 00	Theodore Dinsmore,	100 00
Mrs. Mary Tyrie, on note,	80 00	George Reed,	500 00
Benja. Merrill,	150 00	John Bowley,	500 00
R. Wellington, on note,	200 00	S. Brown,	200 00
George B. Tuttle,	500 00	A. McMurphy, on note,	300 00
Caleb Whidden, on note,	5 00	Mrs. C. Lincoln, on note,	25 00
Mrs. Nancy Taylor,	500 00	J. B. Taylor,	400 00
Mrs. Mary Tyrie,	290 00		
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			\$18,115 00

## INTEREST PAID.

George Moor,	\$14 81	P. Nowell,	60 00
Janette Humphrey,	10 46	J. P. Whitcomb,	96 09
A. Proctor,	148 12	C. O. Butrick,	30 37
P. Nowell,	72 00	Marshall Meriam,	60 00
Lizzie G. Wilson,	50 00	Theodore Dinsmore,	31 29
Elizabeth G. Kelly,	90 00	H. A. G. Storer,	34 44
Joshua Morse,	32 56	W. H. Hayes,	24 00
Charlotte Duston,	33 79	B. Barker,	1 15
P. Nowell,	66 00	John Baker,	2 50

Moses Noyes,	12 35	Mrs. L. E. Larkin,	3 83
John Taylor,	610 97	H. A. G. Storer,	6 06
Thomas Little,	12 10	First Parish in Derry,	2 00
H. Forger,	10 83	E. G. Shute,	9 00
Mrs. J. Smyth,	9 00	S. Brown,	1 20
Hiram Sargent,	98 01	Theodore Dinsmore,	3 43
Samuel Wilson,	44 49	George Reed,	2 00
E. G. Kelly,	66 00	John Bowley,	14 00
Mrs. Honora Cowan,	8 42	S. Brown,	1 67
John B. Taylor,	84 00	Mrs. E. J. Shattuck,	4 30
George Major,	23 28	B. F. Eastman,	12 16
Ebenezer Duston,	21 15	Mrs. H. Warner,	4 49
A. McMurphy,	91 45	George E. Merrill,	20 48
Moses Proctor,	20 83	Mrs. E. Kimball,	12 00
B. Merrill,	13 50	Daniel Owens,	10 00
George B. Tuttle,	20 00	Francis Owens,	10 00
Caleb Whidden,	41 90	John B. Taylor,	24 00
Mrs. Nancy Taylor,	23 23	First Parish in Derry,	24 00
Mrs. Mary Tyrie,	20 64		
J. S. Couch,	13 46		
			<u>\$2267 81</u>

## SUMMARY.

Schools,.....	\$1,185 34
Roads and Bridges,.....	569 53
Alms House, .....	242 81
Transient poor,.....	313 63
Grave Yard,.....	80 70
State Aid,.....	1,801 64
Bounties, ... ..	3,606 00
Books and Stationery,.....	49 77
Non-resident highway tax,.....	116 13
Insane Asylum,.....	380 30
House of Reformation,.....	37 14
Abatement of taxes,.....	742 39
Snow paths,.....	249 14
Town Officers,.....	416 65
Miscellaneous,.....	1,197 13
Notes paid,.....	18,115 00
Interest paid,.....	2,267 81
State tax,.....	3,915 00
County tax,.....	1,087 62
School House tax District No. 11, ... ..	40 00
Balance in Treasury, .....	646 82
	<u>— — \$37,060 55</u>
Amount of receipts, ... ..	<u>\$37,060 55</u>



1865. E. G. SHUTE, COLLECTOR, Dr.  
To amount uncollected taxes, March 1,..... \$3,030 02

## CR.

By amount paid Town Treasurer,..... 1,849 14  
balance uncollected taxes, March 1, 1866,... 1,180 88  
\$3,030 02

1865. ISAAC H. JONES, COLLECTOR, Dr.  
To amount tax list,..... \$12,451 39

## CR.

By amount paid Treasurer,..... 3,563 04  
paid State tax,..... 3,915 00  
County tax,..... 1,087 02  
School House tax Dist. No. 11, ..... 40 00  
balance uncollected taxes March 1, 1866.... 3,845 73  
\$12,451 39

GEORGE W. BARKER, TREASURER. Dr.

To amount received from Selectmen,..... 15,047 63  
E. G. Shute,..... 1,849 14  
I. H. Jones,..... 3,563 04  
J. Patten, state note  
and interest,.... 509 90  
\$20,969 71

## CR.

By paid orders of Selectmen..... \$20,322 80  
cash in Treasury, March, 1866, ..... 646 82  
\$20,969 71

## NOTES PAYABLE.

George Moor,.....	\$500 00	P. Nowell,.....	1000 00.
George Moor,....	500 00	Moses Noyes,.....	200 00
I. Hubbard,.....	100 00	S. H. Quincy,.....	1265 61
Lily Cochran,.....	54 56	Marshall Meriam,....	1000 00
P. Nowell,.....	1,200 00	Chas. F. Wheeler,....	400 00
I. Hubbard,.....	150 00	W. H. Hayes,.....	400 00
Mrs. Sarah H. Moor,..	650 00	Chas. A. Nowell,....	500 00
E. G. Kelly,.....	1,500 00	John Patten,.....	200 00
A. McMurphy,.....	1,000 00	N. A. Bray,.....	600 00
R. T. Chase,.....	250 00	A. C. Rogers,.....	150 00
S. Brown,.....	600 00	James Reed,.....	200 00
B. Merrill,.....	100 00	First Parish in Derry,	400 00
John Ordway,.....	1,000 00	Joseph Leach,.....	100 00
P. Nowell,.....	1,100 00	E. P. Upton,.....	1050 00

Jesse Little,.....	500 00	George N. Warner,..	1054 20
James Reed,.....	800 00	Mrs. E. Kimball,....	200 00
S. Brown,.....	300 00	George Moor,.....	800 00
R. Melvin,.....	500 00	Francis Owens,.....	200 00
Mrs. J. Smyth,.....	150 00	Daniel Owens,.....	200 00
William Moor,.....	525 00	James Nowell,.....	800 00
Hiram Sargent,.....	1600 00	John L. Bradford,....	2000 00
Mary Adams,.....	1650 00	John L. Bradford,....	2000 00
E. G. Kelly, ....	1100 00	Clarissa Lincoln,....	500 00
John B. Taylor,.....	1400 00	N. A. Bray,.....	500 00
F. G. Adams,.....	250 00	Allen J. Proctor,....	1000 00
John Ordway,.....	1000 00	Janette Humphrey,..	450 00
R. T. Chase,.....	100 00	Charlotte Duston,....	220 00
Harriet Hastings,....	100 00	Caleb Whidden,.....	750 00
Mrs. Mary Tyrie,.....	200 00	James A. Dix,.....	390 00
A. Proctor,.....	400 00	A. Woodward,.....	747 46
Joseph Leach,.....	160 00	James Taylor,.....	5000 00
Robert Wellington,..	600 00		
M. J. Whidden,.....	150 00		
			<u>\$45,116 85</u>
Interest due on above notes,.....			2,528 63
			<u>47,645 46</u>
Deduct endorsments on same,.....			1,714 54
			<u>45,930 92</u>

## BALANCE SHEET.

TOWN OF DERRY,		Dr.
To notes and interest payable,	\$45.930 92	
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		Cr.
By uncollected taxes,	\$5.026 61	
Due from State,	1,355 63	
"    "    U. S. government,	5,470 00	
Due from County,	314 46	
Cash in treasury,	646 82	
Balance being amount of debt,	33,117 40	
	<hr/>	\$45.930 92
ISAAC H. JONES,		} Selectmen of Derry.
W. W. POOR,		
BENJAMIN MERRILL		

This certifies that the foregoing town accounts have all been duly exhibited with satisfactory vouchers, and by strict examination correctly footed and verified.

SYLVANUS BROWN, Auditor.

Derry, March 7th, A. D. 1866.

In presenting our annual report we show an increase of town debt of some \$2000, caused by bounties and extra expenses the past year. Town expenses must increase in their proportion with individual expenses, and the advanced price of labor and supplies of all kinds. Our debt now that war expenses are all paid, is less in proportion to our valuation than most of the towns around us.

In procuring a hearse we purchased the lowest priced substantial carriage in market,—a thorough-built and durable vehicle, which we trust will meet your approbation.

Two of the bridges, near Mr. Horne's mill, which have caused a large annual expense to the town for repairs for years past, have been replaced, under the supervision of one of the Selectmen, by substantial stone structures, which will doubtless last for years without further repairs.

Mr. Horne's claim in the small-pox case was, by order of the town, referred to a committee of reference consisting of David R. Leach of Londonderry, Thomas J. Melvin of Chester, and Uri Lamprey of Hampton. Their award is before you and we make no comment.

The Almshouse has been well managed the past year. The balance against it was caused by a reduction of invoice and a partial failure of crops last season.

L. H. JONES,	} Selectmen of Derry.
W. W. POOR,	
BENJ. MERRILL,	

#### Invoice of property at Almshouse Feb. 24, 1866.

Farm and buildings,	\$4000 00	Wood at door,	140 00
Household furniture,	500 00	Beans, &c.,	11 00
1 horse,	75 00	Hams,	37 00
9 cows,	585 00	Pork,	66 00
1 pr. oxen,	250 00	Flour and meal,	15 00
Hay,	200 00	Potatoes and vegetables,	70 00
Swine,	70 00	Cider and vinegar,	26 00
Sheep,	16 00	Butter,	8 00
Farming tools,	240 00	Lard and tallow,	18 00
Lumber,	21 00	Soap,	10 00
Corn,	44 00	Wool, &c.,	7 00
Rye, barley, oats, &c.,	34 00		
			<u>\$6.443 00</u>

## ALMSHOUSE BALANCE SHEET.

Dz.

To amount drawn from treasury, bal. supt.'s sal.,	\$242 81	
invoice of property made Feb. 25, 1865,	6.658 00	
Amount of bills paid by superintendent,	691 15	
	<u>          </u>	\$7,591 96

Cr.

By invoice of property made Feb. 24, 1866,	\$5,443 00	
Amount sold from farm,	748 34	
“ due from H. P. Hood,	113 08	
“ received from County,	145 25	
Balance against Almshouse,	142 29	
	<u>          </u>	\$7,591 96



## SCHOOL REPORT.

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The Superintending School Committee reports to the town as follows touching the interests of education among us:—

### DISTRICT NO. 1.

This school stands first on our list in respect to numbers. In summer, under the care of a young teacher whose labors were very arduous, those pupils who attended regularly made good progress in their studies. Of the favorable condition of the school in winter the County school commissioner bore strong witness, both in regard to the method of discipline and of instruction adopted and carried out by the teacher. Everything was in place and in time. A private school of eight weeks succeeded the winter term. It is to be regretted that a schoolhouse so good is not better. The school room is not large enough, especially for the accommodation of visitors. The outbuildings require to be put in order. The friends of education in this district should stir themselves up to visit the school and to attend its closing exercises.

### DISTRICT NO. 2.

It is not easy to speak too decidedly of the success of the school year in this district. With a teacher of experience at the head of the school, and the hearty cooperation of many parents, everything has moved in the right direction. The examinations were well attended, the pupils of every age reciting selected pieces. At the close of the summer term the school enjoyed a picnic at the house of the prudential committee.

### DISTRICT NO. 3.

The teacher of this school through the year exhibited the same qualities as were commended in the last school report. The whole number of scholars was less than that of the preceding year, while the average attendance has somewhat increased.

## DISTRICT NO. 4.

This school has been steadily rising in character for several years past. In summer it enjoyed and appreciated the services of a kind and thorough instructor. In the winter it was the largest school in town. With a teacher educated in part in the same school, the deportment and studiousness of the pupils were exemplary. The following scholars were neither absent nor tardy:—Abby F., Ellen O., Lizzie A., Mary E. and George H. Stickney, H. Maria, Ella A. and Willie White and John Merriam.

## DISTRICT NO. 5.

In the summer this school was under the charge of an energetic young teacher. The average attendance speaks well for the teacher and the parents. The winter school had the same teacher as last year, and was alike successful. It was refreshing in the storm to meet so many on the day of examination. With a repaired or new schoolhouse, even better results might be expected.

## DISTRICT NO. 6.

Under the management of the most competent and untiring instructor of the last year, this school will compare favorably with any in town in respect to regular attendance, good order, and progress in study. As the term was short, a private school would have crowned the year with richer fruits.

## DISTRICT NO. 7.

The teacher last summer had the care of this school for both terms. With an increase of experience, there was shown the same active interest in her pupils as during her first term of instruction. The closing exercises were highly satisfactory.

## DISTRICT NO. 8.

This school has lessened in numbers, but still keeps its laurels fresh and green. Under different teachers, with different measures of acquaintance with school life, the scholars generally have made creditable improvement. The instructors removed and gave pleasure. The examinations, especially that of the winter term, were attended as usual by a very large proportion of the parents. The reading exercises were specially good. The older scholars are models of good conduct.

## DISTRICT NO. 9.

The teacher of this school through the year, had been before employed and highly approved in the district. Her best energies were given to her pupils. The exercises in singing at the winter examination were excellent. In the summer term, Lydia I. and Flora E. Dustin, and in the winter term Ella Gregg, were neither absent nor tardy.

## DISTRICT NO. 10.

There was no change of teachers in this school, also, The number of scholars is larger than for several years. The progress of all the scholars in their studies was gratifying. Delilah and Walter E. Greeley were neither absent nor tardy.

## DISTRICT NO. 11.

This school was well taught and governed through both terms by one who loved her work and spared no pains to do it.

## DISTRICT NO. 12.

The teacher of this school bears grateful testimony to the interest taken in the school both by parents and scholars. Whispering was nearly banished. The attendance of the pupils was regular, and their habits good in all respects. While thus speaking of others, she gives best her own spirit and success as a teacher. A private school of ten weeks followed the close of the term.

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Passing now to some practical suggestions, the first that occurs is that some attention to the state of our schoolhouses is demanded. Chairs, seats, desks, plastering, doors, stoves, need a careful examination. It is good economy and a good means of education to let nothing in or about the schoolroom go at loose ends. Time and wear will do enough to waste school property without tempting youthful hands to do it. Let everything connected with the building, the teacher and the parent be such as ought to be respected, and the work of securing such deference is more than half done.

There is urgent need of outline maps and renovated and enlarged blackboards in most of our school rooms. These afford invaluable aid in teaching. The eye is called in to help the scholar; the memory is assisted in its work, and the places are fixed in the mind.— By a single operation, a large class can be taught at once. Practice makes theory perfect. We do not stumble on the true answer, we illustrate and prove the rules. If the best mode of securing these articles be that of subscription, let no time be lost. Let some one move in the matter in each district where the deficiency exists. What is to be done should be done quickly.

The parents of the older children, especially the boys, should raise the question whether the place for these children is the district school or the Academy. This inquiry is very important when the winter school is taught by a female. Not all sons are instruct-

ed to obey their mothers as they come up towards manhood, if indeed they are to obey their fathers. Without any special rupture in the schoolroom, the practised eye sees that this and that lad has not done the hard study he ought to have done. The previous time is nearly thrown away, that in a higher school, with older and better scholars around him, would have been well spent. In most of our schools such pupils cannot receive the amount of attention they require without taking from the portion that belongs to those that are younger than they. The teacher is harassed and hurried by the multitude of classes, and nothing is done as thoroughly as it should be; and if an older scholar is not earnestly and studiously observant of the rules of the school, the disorder creeps through the schoolroom and adds seriously to the burdens of the teacher. All the pupils suffer thereby. We have had and still have some older scholars in our schools, males as well as females, whose influence is wholly good. They are not too large nor too wise to be instructed and governed by a woman. They would be ashamed of themselves if they possessed any other spirit than this. It would bode ill for their future character and course in life. Let woman be honored in the schoolroom as well as in the home and in society. Parents should see to it that their elder children do this, or send them to the higher school. It will be a universal gain.

Our teachers, while gratefully acknowledging the sympathy of parents in their work, deeply feel the need of more of that aid.— They wish to see them more frequently and in larger numbers in the schoolhouse. They want their presence at the close of the term. They desire to know that they have their cordial confidence and cooperation in their great and responsible work. Such expressions of interest have a most happy effect on the school. The children feel that their parents are deeply concerned in their conduct and progress in study. A new inspiration is given to them. The labor of governing the school is much lightened. Most parents are ready to assent to all this, and confessing their fault plead in its extenuation that they have been very busy! Too busy to attend to their childrens' education! Finding time for the mint, anise and cummin of the bodies of their children, but none for the training of the nobler intellect! When a father or mother is thoroughly in earnest in this matter, the time will be found, and enough of it. How small the sacrifice this duty demands, and how wide and blessed the results! A similar interest should be taken by parents at home to forward their children in their studies. This laboring together with the teacher makes the best scholars. Many owe their success and eminence in life to this home encouragement and nurture. If the parents can go with their children over the studies, it is at once a pleasure and a profit to both. But where for any reason this can-



not be done, the youthful students may be made to feel that the hearts of the father and mother are with them, and be thus cheered in their toil.

For various reasons, the receipt of less money from the State, the diminution of the amount of money raised by tax in town for school purposes, and the increase of the expenses of the schools, our terms of school are shortened. In some of our districts this work is supplemented by private schools. If the town cannot be persuaded to raise more money for this object, let this course be generally taken. The education of the young should be carried forward as fast as their health will allow. Business claims them early. The more complete we would have their preparation for life the more diligence we must use in this work. We may not have large wealth to leave to our offspring; let us give them the best possible education in our power. This may be better for them and for the world than thousands of gold and silver.

LEONARD S. PARKER,

Superintending School Committee.

# SCHOOL STATISTICS.

No. of District.	Teachers.	Length of Term.		No. of Pupils.	Average Attendance.
1	Miss N. R. Brown,.....	16	63	46	
	J. H. Jones,.....	9½	48	43	
2	Miss S. A. M. Alexander,.....	28	58	45	
3	Miss A. F. McMurphy,.....	20	24	18	
4	Miss F. M. Webster,...	8	44	38	
	O. H. Wilson,.....	7½	55	46	
5	Miss H. L. Taylor,.....	8	30	28	
	C. H. Lowe,.....	6	33	27	
6	Miss A. C. Rogers,...	12	26	22	
7	Miss H. L. Warner,.....	20½	30	20	
8	Miss M. F. Learnard,.....	8	26	23	
	Miss N. I. Sanderson,.....	8	35	32	
9	Miss M. S. Dana,.....	20	34	24	
10	Miss J. E. Brown,.....	10	10	7	
11	Miss H. A. Tilton,.....	16	30	25	
12	Miss A. E. Adams,.....	12	19	14	

# REPORT

OF THE

Selectmen, Auditors, Overseers of the Poor,

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

# TOWN OF DERRY,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH,

1867.



MANCHESTER, N. H.:

FROM WM. H. FISK'S JOB PRINTING ESTABLISHMENT.

1867.





## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

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February 15, 1867.

The receipts for the year have been as follows:—

Amount in Treasury March 1, 1866,	\$646 82
Received of State, U. S. Bounties,	920 00
“ “ “ railroad dividends,	511 50
“ “ “ savings bank tax,	254 27
“ “ “ State aid,	894 07
“ “ “ literary fund,	67 95
“ “ E. G. Shute, collector,	60 00
“ “ I. H. Jones, “	2,105 00
“ “ I. A. Dustin, “	9,123 52
“ “ County,	696 14
Amount hired for use of Town,	18,212 27
	<hr/> \$34,672 39

### SCHOOLS.

Paid District No. 1,	\$208 30
2,	210 18
3,	52 87
4,	110 40
5,	58 97
6,	54 88
7,	108 57
8,	100 62
9,	79 73
10,	45 55
11,	66 08
12,	45 72
Chester,	7 64
Hampstead,	12 36
Salem,	2 81
	<hr/> \$1,164 68

## 1866. . ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Geo. W. Ballou, stone for Horne's bridge,	\$3 75
Alvin J. Chase, labor on Horne's bridge,	10 00
Peter J. Horne, plank for Fordway bridge,	55 52
I. H. Richardson, bridge near Auburn line,	5 00
W. C. Greeley, " " " "	10 00
Moody Morse, stone for Horne's bridge,	2 00
Charles Clark, labor,	2 25
Stephen Pillsbury, breaking roads,	2 50
Lambert Tuttle, labor on Mill Hill,	6 75
Geo. N. Kimball, " " " "	6 00
D. M. Emery, " " " "	8 25
Isaac Howe, labor,	25 00
Geo. A. Goodhue, labor and lumber,	12 05
Paul Taylor, labor,	3 00
Daniel P. Page,	3 00
	<hr/> \$155 07

## 1866. TRANSIENT POOR.

Paid Supplies to Peter Huse,	\$3 42
" Kate Kelly,	6 50
B. F. Gregg, coffin, &c., for Wm. B. Wilson,	11 30
Aid to transient paupers,	10 33
Jas. H. Crombie, med. att. on H. J. King,	6 00
" " " " Stephen Mills,	12 25
Sam'l F. Taylor, nursing Susan Mills,	10 00
Lyman George, " " "	10 00
B. F. Gregg, coffin, &c., " "	9 00
Geo. J. Pattee, nursing Eliza Mills,	60 00
Isaac B. Hovey, med att. " "	27 50
Supplies to Mrs. McMurphy,	33 75
" Margaret Parker,	50 00
" Geo. Alexander,	66 50
Fred. Griffin, board of Mary S. Davis,	54 19
Board of Welch child,	27 51
Jacob Sheldon, board of N. S. Sheldon,	47 66
	<hr/> \$445 91

## 1866. GRAVE YARD.

Paid Jas. Taylor for interring bodies and care of Hearse,	\$52 00
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## 1866. STATE AID.

Paid to families of volunteers,	\$71 59
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## 1866. BOOKS AND STATIONERY.

Paid Wm. H. Fisk, town accounts,	\$28 50
" " " invoice books,	28 00
" " " tax receipts,	4 00
" " " collector's book,	1 50
" " " surveyor's books, &c.,	5 62
	<hr/> \$67 62

## 1866. NON-RES. HIGHWAY TAX RECEIPTS.

Paid by I. A. Dustin, collector,	\$30 30	
" Selectmen,	29 83	
		<hr/> \$60 13

## 1866. ALMSHOUSE.

Paid D. Stinson part of salary as Sup't,	\$200 00
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## 1866. INSANE ASYLUM.

Paid for support of John G. Bond,	\$205 85	
" " Sarah Cowdrey,	218 05	
		<hr/> \$423 90

## 1866. ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Abatement on I. H. Jones' list,	\$66 54	
" " I. A. Dustin's list,	116 60	
		<hr/> \$183 14

## 1866. TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Woodbury Storer, constable,	\$5 00
Sylvanus Brown, auditor,	2 00
L. S. Parker, S. S. Committee,	40 00
W. W. Poor, bal. selectman's services, 1866,	12 00
I. H. Jones, " " "	14 00
Geo. I. Choate, selectman 1866-7,	42 00
Geo. Moore, 2d, " "	39 00
W. W. Poor, " "	84 00
Geo. W. Barker, clerk and treasurer,	50 00
	<hr/> \$288 00

## 1866. NOTES AND INTEREST PAID.

Paid B. Merrill,	\$118 27	Paid Sarah H. Moore,	\$759 27
R. Melvin,	575 09	George Moore,	2,250 00
John L. Bradford,	4,363 60	Philip Nowell,	3,555 03
Chas. F. Wheeler,	366 54	Allen J. Proctor,	1,034 28
Chas. A. Nowell,	556 50	Frank A. Lincoln,	521 53
William K. Hayes,	261 10	Jane Smyth,	128 45
Moses Noyes,	221 72	Hiram Sargent,	700 00
Robert Wellington,	465 60	N. A. Bray,	300 00
Marshall Merriam,	549 50	Jas. Taylor,	1,000 00
Mary Tyrie,	141 70	Moses G. Steele,	16 44
Mary Adams,	1,854 00	E. P. Upton,	126 00
Jennette Humphrey,	478 30	Daniel Owens,	41 12
Eliza A. Kimball,	246 80	John B. Taylor,	84 00
Frank G. Adams,	220 00	E. G. Kelly,	156 60
Caleb F. Whidden,	763 72	Mary J. Whidden,	20 94
Alex. McMurphy,	515 47	Jas. Reed,	26 68
Francis Owens,	210 37	First Parish in Derry,	24 00
I. Hubbard,	315 52		
			<hr/> \$22,973 65

1866.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid Samuel Marshall, rep. on pump,	\$5 18
I. H. Jones, expenses to Manchester with town accounts,	1 90
Thos. S. Bradford, sheep killed,	20 00
Henry D. Karr, " "	8 00
Jacob Sanborn, " "	6 00
G. Kenney & Co, reps. on hearse,	28 00
Geo. I. Choate, wood for Parish Hall,	6 50
Geo. Moore, 2d, bill of expenses,	12 75
W. W. Poor, " " "	60 05
Frank G. Howe,	2 00
	<hr/> \$150 38

## SUMMARY.

Schools,	\$1,164 68
Roads and Bridges,	155 07
Transient Poor,	445 91
Grave Yard,	52 00
State Aid,	71 59
Books and Stationery,	67 62
Non-resident highway tax receipts,	60 13
Alms House,	200 00
Insane Asylum,	423 90
Abatement of Taxes,	183 14
Town Officers,	288 00
Miscellaneous,	150 38
Notes and Interest,	22,973 65
State Tax,	3,915 00
County Tax,	1,180 85
	<hr/> \$31,331 92

## NOTES PAYABLE.

Lily Cochrane,	\$54 56	N. A. Bray,	\$500 00
E. G. Kelly,	1,500 00	Charlotte Duston,	220 00
Robert T. Chase,	250 00	Jas. A. Dix,	390 00
S. Brown,	600 00	A. Woodward,	747 46
John Ordway,	1,000 00	Jas. Taylor,	5,000 00
Jesse Little,	500 00	Susan M. Johnson,	100 00
S. Brown,	300 00	William Moore,	300 00
Wm. Moore,	525 00	J. P. Whitcomb,	1,500 00
Hiram Sargent,	1,600 00	Jennette Humphrey,	478 00
E. G. Kelley,	1,100 00	Joseph Chase,	300 00
John B. Taylor,	1,400 00	I. Hubbard,	300 00
John Ordway,	1,000 00	M. Merriam,	500 00
Robert T. Chase,	100 00	John L. Bradford,	2,000 00



Harriet Hastings,	100 00	John L. Bradford,	1,500 00
A. Proctor,	400 00	do. do.	1,000 00
Jos. Leach,	160 00	R. Melvin,	500 00
Mary J. Whidden,	150 00	Geo. R. Whitney,	500 00
S. H. Quincy,	1,965 61	Clarissa Lincoln,	440 00
John Patten,	200 00	Geo. Warner,	200 00
N. A. Bray,	600 00	Jerusha Kelly,	387 00
A. C. Rogers,	150 00	Harriet Warner,	1,900 00
First Parish in Derry,	400 00	Philip Nowell,	3,300 00
Jos. Leach,	100 00	Geo. Moore,	2,250 00
E. P. Upton,	1,050 00	Sarah H. Moore,	757 26
Geo. N. Warner,	1,054 20	Joseph Chase,	300 00
Jas. Nowell,	800 00	James Reed,	1,142 76
Daniel Owene,	200 00		
			<u>\$43,771 85</u>

There are sufficient endorsements on the above notes to balance all interest now due.

### BALANCE SHEET.

TOWN OF DERRY,	DR.
To notes payable,	\$43,771 85
	<u>\$43,771 85</u>

#### CR.

By uncollected taxes deemed available,	\$4,300 00
Cash in treasury,	3,340 47
Balance, being amount of town debt,	36,131 38
	<u>\$43,771 85</u>

1866.	E. G. SHUTE, COLLECTOR.	DR.
Balance of uncollected taxes, March, 1866,		\$1,180 88
	CR.	
By amount paid Town Treasurer,	\$60 00	
balance of uncollected taxes,	1,120 88	
	<u>\$1,180 88</u>	

	ISAAC H. JONES, COLLECTOR.	DR.
To amount uncollected taxes, March 1,		\$3,845 73
	CR.	
By amount paid Town Treasurer,	\$2,105 00	
balance uncollected taxes,	1,740 73	
	<u>\$3,845 73</u>	

1866.	ISAIAH A. DUSTIN, COLLECTOR.	DR.
To amount of tax list,		\$12,874 93
	CR.	
By paid county tax,	\$1,180 85	
" town treasurer,	9,123 52	
Balance of uncollected taxes,	2,570 56	
	<u>\$12,874 93</u>	

GEO. W. BARKER, TREASURER, in acct. with town of Derry, Dr.  
1866.

To cash on hand balance of last year,	\$646 82
“ received of E. G. Shute,	60 00
“ “ I. H. Jones,	2,105 00
“ “ I. A. Dustin,	9,123 52
“ “ Selectmen,	8,229 43
	<u>\$20,164 77</u>

Cr.

By paid order of selectmen,	\$16,824 30
Amount on hand,	3,340 47
	<u>\$20,164 77</u>

W. W. POOR, } Selectmen  
GEO. MOORE, 2d., } of  
GEO. I. CHOATE, } Derry.

This certifies that I have examined the foregoing accounts as presented by the Selectmen, find them correctly cast and satisfactory vouchers corresponding thereto.

EDMUND ADAMS, AUDITOR.

February 18, 1867.

The claims filed as assets of the town in last year's report, amounting to \$12,813 52, have realized \$4,840 35. The chance of securing any further payments on the demands against the State and United States is sufficiently doubtful to warrant our dropping them from the list of assets.

Of the uncollected taxes now due, amounting to \$5,432 17 we consider \$4,300 as easily collectable, and claim that amount as available to pay town debts. Much credit is due Capt. Dustin for the efficient manner in which he has collected our taxes during the past year, less than one-fifth of the whole amount being now uncollected.

W. W. POOR, } Selectmen  
GEO. MOORE, 2d., } of  
GEO. I. CHOATE, } Derry.

# SCHOOL REPORT.

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The following statement embraces the leading facts in the history of our schools for the year past.

## DISTRICT NO. 1.

This school was under the care of one devoted, efficient female teacher throughout the year. She began her labors in the district with a private school in the spring. The examinations were eminently fair and well sustained. Thoroughness and breadth characterized the teachings of the schoolroom. This school has a larger number of pupils than any other in town.

## DISTRICT NO. 2.

This school was wise and fortunate in securing the services of the experienced teacher of the last year. There has been an increase instead of an abatement of interest in the school as compared with the preceding season. The order of the school has been excellent. Everything has been done with promptness and energy. The great snowstorm prevented the examination at the close of the winter term.

## DISTRICT NO. 3.

This school was faithfully taught and well governed by an instructor who brought to her work a well earned reputation in other fields, which she fully sustained here. All things moved on quietly, yet vigorously, as in a well ordered family.

## DISTRICT NO. 4.

A young lady from the District was at the head of this school the first term, who fully justified the confidence reposed in her by the parents and scholars. A private school was taught by another young lady in the district during the vacation. The winter school was quite full, and was successfully disciplined and drilled by the teacher of the preceding year. The advanced class in this school is one of the best in town.

## DISTRICT NO. 5.

Two sisters taught this school with the marked approval of all its patrons. A most commendable zeal was shown alike by parents and pupils. A good private school was maintained for several weeks.

## DISTRICTS NOS. 6 AND 12.

These schools were cordially and happily united for the year. The first term was in No. 12; the second in No. 6. Each school-room was found sufficiently large to accommodate the united schools. It is hoped that the plan which has worked so satisfactorily, will be carried out hereafter.

We gave one of our best male teachers to be the Superintendent of the State Reform School; and now the State has taken the honored head of these schools to fill the first place under him.—An enterprising citizen in No. 12 has sustained a private school at his house during the winter.

## DISTRICT NO. 7.

A successful teacher of last year had the charge of this school during the summer term. Much to the regret of the District she was called to another field in the autumn. Her place was taken by one of our young teachers, who succeeded well in this her first school, both in the department of instruction and in that of government, as the closing exercises of the term fully proved.

## DISTRICT NO. 8.

The active and beloved teacher of last year was rechosen and discharged her duties to the satisfaction of all. In the terrible storm of the last day of the winter term, the gloom was dispelled by the presence of nearly all the scholars and of a large delegation from the district, who were favored with the usual reviews, and with singing, recitations, and dialogues.



## DISTRICT NO. 9.

Some of the advanced scholars in this school in former years have left; but the younger ones are striving to step into their places and "close up the ranks." Two teachers have wrought in this field, one from the West, and one a graduate among us. Both gave their best strength to the school. The examinations showed patient, thorough teaching.

## DISTRICT NO. 10.

This school united for the year with an adjoining district in Londonderry.

## DISTRICT NO. 11.

In the choice school-room of this district the year has gone by pleasantly and profitably. The teacher was most assiduous in her efforts for the good of her pupils, and the scholars were studious and orderly.

For the first time, probably, within the memory of "the oldest inhabitant," all the district schools in town have been taught by females. Considering the size of some of our schools, the ages of many in the upper classes, and the novelty of the measure in several districts, the success of the experiment has been better than the most sanguine could expect. The results would have been still more gratifying had the recommendation in the school report of last year, touching the sending of the older pupils to the academies in town, been heeded by all parents, as it was by some. Our higher classes in the district schools are much thinned by numbers from them entering the academies. This of itself tends to lessen the interest of those that remain in those classes. Unless they are unusually engaged in study they will be liable to spend a large part of their time amusing themselves.

In those places where the system of graded schools exist, it is an object of desire with the parents and the scholars that the latter be promoted to the High School as soon as their preparation will warrant it. New motives thus stimulate them to study. They come from different schools with a laudable spirit to excel; the classes are larger and can receive more attention; the instructors have received a broader and more thorough education. The academies with us take the place of the High School. To confine the more advanced scholars to the common school when they most need the full impulses of the academy, is poor economy.

What if the pupil spends most of his time in the district school in idleness or in play? His time and board are thrown away, and worse. He injures himself and the school, thwarting the efforts of the best teachers. By the side of such disastrous issues, what is the fee for tuition, or the longer morning or evening walk? Or if the distance be too great to walk the scholars can board themselves with a slight additional expense for a room. Our young people leave the schools much earlier than in the days of our fathers. Their education, therefore, must be pressed as much as it safely can be, or they will fall below the current standard and take an inferior position in life. More stress is laid on this point here because the practice of employing female teachers thus inaugurated, is likely to be generally continued among us, in existing circumstances. The tendencies are in that direction in other States as well as in our own. The good of a large majority of the scholars in town would be thereby promoted. The only thing that can embarrass such an experiment is the presence of larger scholars who may think it beneath them to obey a woman.

It is a matter of grateful record that a large number of the scholars in town have neither been absent nor tardy during the year.

Some of our school houses need repairs or additions; two or three should give place to new structures. While there is delay the children may lose more than the parents will gain. A school building that commands the respect of the pupils; that does not constantly tempt them to deface and destroy it, is a good investment of money.

The numerous private schools in town the past year is a good omen. It would seem that the town ought to give all its children a good common education. This is one great means of shutting out crime and dependence; of promoting the true prosperity of the town. It is short-sighted policy to keep down appropriations for this object first of all and most of all. But where this is not done, it is a grateful sight to see parents so engaged for their children as to assume the burden themselves. The thing that is hardest about this is that some parents poor as to this world's goods, but rich in children, feel constrained to deny their offspring this special privilege. This should not be.

It is well from time to time to recur to first principles. This is needful to keep the importance of our familiar trusts fresh before our minds. Otherwise their very commonness will lead us to undervalue them. Our system of schools for the people is one of the foundations of our prosperity—one of the strong elements in our national life. In any government, ignorance among the masses is an evil and a weakness; but in a republic, where the

people are the sovereigns, it is suicidal. It opens the door to political corruption, to vice and crime. The chief dangers we have passed through, and that still threaten us, are from that source. The Czar of Russia recognized the truth that knowledge is power in a nation, and so having given freedom to 20,000,000 serfs, he is earnestly engaged in educating them. The remarkable success of Prussia in her late war with Austria—the campaign lasted one month, the fighting ten days—has called the attention of the world to the causes of that wonderful fact. She had the needle gun, she had a military system nearly perfect, by which she could bring her whole force into the field in a high state of discipline; but even these were not the chief source of her splendid achievements. In 1806 and 7 Prussia was crushed by Napoleon I. Her king, Frederic William III., then listened to the counsels of his ministers of state, Stein and Hardenburg, as to universal education. For more than half a century Prussia has had one of the best systems of common education in the world. This scheme of education was followed by her present military system. Every child must be taught in the schools; every able bodied citizen must serve three years in the army, or one year if a fine scholar. Her troops, therefore, were intelligent; were men as well as machines, while those of Austria were only well drilled machines. Hence these peerless victories. Europe is looking on and learning great lessons, which she is sure to put in practice.

We have made signal progress during our brief national existence. We have surprised the world and ourselves by our display of resources, energy and valor, in our recent gigantic struggle. If now we would go on and prosper, if we would move in the van of the nations, we must continue to educate the whole people. As mind is moving forward to possess the earth; as the standard of education is rising throughout christendom, we must see to it that our children move on with the rest, so as not to go through life under a disadvantage. A small amount of money well laid out on their education, will do more for them and for mankind than a much larger sum later in life.

LEONARD S. PARKER,

*Superintending School Committee.*

## SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Districts.	Teachers,	Length terms.		
		No. scholars.	Average.	
1	S. C. Merrill,.....	26 $\frac{3}{5}$	74	50
2	S. A. M. Alexander,.....	28	70	47
3	E. G. Rogers, .....	16	22	16
4	H. C. Taylor, }	9	37	33 $\frac{1}{2}$
	M. F. Webster, }	8	51	42
5	E. F. Hughes, }	7	34	24
	K. E. Hughes, }	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	32	27
6	A. C. Rogers,.....	9 $\frac{1}{5}$	30	22
7	H. A. Tilton, }	8	30	22
	A. C. Stevens, }	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	30	25
8	L. H. Fitz,.....	14	32	23
9	L. P. Merrell, }	8	22	20
	A. B. Cate, }	6	21	17
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11	E. A. Currier,.....	14	30	26
12	A. C. Rogers, .....	8 $\frac{2}{5}$	21	16







REPORT  
OF THE  
S E L E C T M E N ,  
AND  
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
TOWN OF DERRY  
FOR THE  
YEAR ENDING FEB. 15,  
1868

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MANCHESTER:  
FISK'S STEAM JOB PRINTING ESTABLISHMENT.  
1868.





## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

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Feb. 15, 1868.

The receipts for the year have been as follows:

Amount in Treasury, Feb. 15, 1867.....	\$3,340 47
Received of Edmund Adams, collector.....	11,009 32
“ “ “ interest on taxes.....	12 46
“ Edward G. Shute, collector.....	896 44
“ Isaac H. Jones collector.....	1,240 73
“ I. A. Dustin collector.....	2,488 45
Amount of money hired for use of town.....	6,042 42
Received of County.....	468 19
“ State, railroad dividends.....	512 67
“ “ savings bank tax.....	416 30
“ “ literary fund... ..	66 60
“ on case of Mary S. Randall.. ..	107 60
	<hr/> \$26,601 05

### PAID ON ACCOUNT OF SCHOOLS.

District No. 1,	\$211 48	District No. 9,	75 06
2,	225 16	10,	22 14
3,	46 53	11,	56 57
4,	100 96	12,	56 41
5,	46 16	Hampstead,	5 55
6,	60 12	Chester,	3 54
7,	118 43		
8,	112 84		
			<hr/> \$1,140 95

## SNOW PATHS.

1867. Feb. 15,		March 29.	
Paid John C. Drew,	\$12 75	E. P. Clark,	22 68
Paul Taylor,	23 90	April 15.	
Feb. 16.		George O. Drake,	9 50
Paid John Bean,	75 00	April 16.	
Samuel F. Taylor,	19 83	Josiah H. Adams,	71 63
George O. Drake,	57 60	April 26.	
Daniel Carr,	3 00	Benj. Adams. 2d.,	24 42
Jonas Herrick,	46 60	C. C. Johnson.	6 93
Feb. 18.		May 13.	
Paid Geo. W. Head,	15 00	B. P. Rice,	12 13
Feb. 22.		May 25.	
Paid William C. Greeley,	8 74	Lorenzo Kimball,	19 80
Nath'l Warner,	21 22	Porter C. Myrick,	3 30
C. C. Johnson,	46 38	May 29.	
C. C. Johnson.	4 35	Samuel S. Bridges,	6 55
W. H. Redfield,	75	June 1.	
Fred. H. Redfield,	75	W. C. Greeley,	6 00
Robt. H. Clark,	30 47	June 22.	
B. P. Rice,	40 78	John H. Waterman,	6 07
Feb. 23.		June 27.	
Paid S. P. Boynton,	17 63	J. G. Hubbard,	6 00
Joseph F. Cooms,	5 16	June 29.	
John H. Waterman,	37 49	Henry D. Karr,	10 20
William Reynolds,	44 85	Sept. 18.	
March 9.		John Nichols,	8 90
Paid Highway Dist. No. 8,	28 13	Dec. 2. William Reynolds,	7 45
Porter C. Myrick,	20 85	1868 Jan 25	
John McGinty,	15 48	Paid Uriah Hall,	3 50
Geo. W. Eastman,	8 55	Richard Fellows,	25 65
John Nichols,	37 54	Jonas Herrick,	3 60
Robt. Rogers, Jr.,	13 59	Feb. 15.	
March 12		John B. Taylor,	2 50
Chas. E. Rand,	6 00	Geo. W. Head,	11 25
Hiram Sargent,	5 00	Horace Bond,	75
March 15.			
E. G. Shute,	5 00		\$921 20

1867

## TRANSIENT POOR.

Paid A. H. Welch, board and clothing of Frank Welch....	\$62 20
Fred Griffin, do do do Mary Davis .....	84 88
Aid to transient paupers .....	9 00
Daniel Marshall, board of Welch Child .....	16 50
James Taylor, horse attending funerals of Welch family .....	3 00
Jacob Sheldon, board of Nathan S. Sheldon .....	45 00
B. F. Gregg, 4 coffins, and 4 shrouds for Welch's ...	33 75

Supplies to Misses Sargent, for 1866.....	11 00
do do do do 1867.....	11 69
do Mrs. Margaret Parker.....	14 00
do Mrs E. McMurphy .....	19 64
do to George Alexander .....	27 71
do Peter Huse .....	1 75
do John A. Raymond.....	3 78
Geo. N. Kimball, support of insane son ...	35 68
Josiah C. Eastman, Med. Att. on Mary S. Randall ....	6 00
James H. Crombie, do do Town paupers 1865 ..	25 00
do do do do do do do 1866 ..	25 00
D. S. Clark, do do Susan Mills 1866 ..	5 00
do do do do do Mary S. Randall.....	4 42
Supplies to Mrs. Austin.....	27 72
B. F. Gregg, coffin and shroud for Mrs Austin.....	9 00

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\$481 72

1867

## ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Geo. W. Evans, labor on roads .....	\$3 00
Geo. B. Tuttle do do .....	3 00
C. Cantee, do do .....	3 00
S. Brown, do do .....	20 00
J. L. Cunningham, for lumber.....	12 54
Robert T. Chase, labor and lumber near D. C. King s,	11 16
Isaac Chase, labor on bridge, near J. Robin's.....	12 01
Isaac Chase, lumber for bridge near Paul Taylor's...	12 96
James C. Taylor, labor and lumber.....	4 50
John Bean, repair of bridge near E. Evans' .....	7 00
James Reed, repair of roads and bridges.....	3 99
W. W. Poor, plank for Ramsey bridge.....	4 15
Samuel F. Taylor, labor on roads and bridges.....	9 00
Lambert Tuttle, labor on roads.....	4 42
George Shute, repairs on turnpike .....	20 50
Benj. Adams, 2d, lumber for bridge.....	2 00
Henry L. Reed, labor on Mill Hill.....	3 77
John C. Drew, do do .....	5 00
Hiram Sargent, labor on sinking bridge.....	13 00
A. J. Chase, labor.....	6 00
Nathaniel Warner, labor.....	2 00
Joseph Hemphill, labor on bridge.....	5 00

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\$168 00

## TOWN OFFICERS.

1867.

Paid W. W. Poor, balance of service for 1866.....	\$20 95
George Moor, 2d balance of service for 1866.....	4 00
George I. Choate, balance of service for 1866.....	5 00
Benj. Merrill, balance of service for 1865.....	4 37
Rev. L. S. Parker, S. S. Committee for 1866....	40 00
George W. Barker, clerk and treasurer for 1867.....	50 00
Sylvanus Brown, auditor, 1865.....	2 00

George Moor, 2d, services as selectman for 1866-7....	78 50
George I. Choate, services as selectman for 1866-7...	70 00
George Shute, services as selectman for 1866-7 .....	61 00
George Moor, 2d, extra expenses, 1867.....	13 50
George Shute, extra expenses, 1867.....	10 00
Woodbury Storer, constable, 1867.....	5 00
	<u>\$363 42</u>

## GRAVE YARD.

1867.	
Paid James Taylor for interring bodies and care of hearse.	\$80 05
C. C. Parker, shovel, and covering for hearse.....	3 98
	<u>\$84 03</u>

## REFORM SCHOOL.

1867.	
Paid Isaac H. Jones, superintendent, for board of Belinda Flaherty, 90 weeks.....	\$90 00
Board of George F. Evans from Oct. 31 to Dec. 20, '65, .....	7 13
	<u>\$97 13</u>

## NON-RESIDENT HIGHWAY TAX RECEIPTS.

1867.	
Paid by I. A. Dustin, collector .....	\$43 24
Edmund Adams, collector.....	55 99
	<u>\$99 14</u>

## INSANE ASYLUM.

1867.	
Paid for support of John G. Bond.....	\$280 23
for support of Sarah Cowdrey.....	256 79
	<u>\$537 02</u>

## ALMSHOUSE.

1867.	
Paid David Stinson, balance of salary for 1866.....	\$ 44 76
Charles Choate, part of salary as Supt. for 1867.....	200 00
Amount drawn from treasury by Supt.....	150 00
	<u>\$394 76</u>

## CULVERT EXPENSES.

1867.	
Paid J. C. Sanders, for privilege.....	\$20 00
E. P. Upton, labor &c.....	64 10
William Anderson, for deed, stamp and recording.....	1 90
	<u>\$86 00</u>

## COLLECTORS.

1867.

Paid J. A. Dustin, collector for 1866.....	\$100 00
Edmund Adams, collector for 1867.....	100 00
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	\$200 00

## BOUNTIES.

1867.

Paid State, United States bounties.....	\$124 00
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## ABATEMENTS.

1867.

Abatement on J. A. Dustin's list.....	\$ 76 94
I. H. Jones' list.....	109 41
E. G. Shute's list.....	409 04
E. Adams' list.....	250 89
Robert Rogers' highway tax.....	1 50
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	\$847 78

## MISCELLANEOUS.

1867.

Paid Joseph Hemphill, sheep killed.....	\$3 00
Ezra E. Rogers, 2 sheep killed.....	8 00
John McGinty, sheep killed.....	6 00
R. Fellows, setting glass in Parish Hall, &c.....	1 70
George Moor, 2d, stationery.....	2 75
I. G. Goodwin, repairing grave yard tools.....	1 33
George W. Barker enrolling militia.....	2 50
E. Cogswell, tolling bell and care of town hall, 1866..	13 83
" " " " " " 1867...	12 50
Caleb Moulton, in case of Mary S. Randall.....	7 00
Charles H. Bell, one writ.....	5 00
J. A. Dustin, service of writs.....	7 54
William H. Fisk, printing town reports for 1866.....	28 00
William H. Fisk, for books and stationery, 1867.....	22 54
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	\$121 70

## NOTES AND INTEREST PAID.

1867.

Paid James Reed.....	\$1,149 57	Paid Harriet Warner..	85 50
Abbie C. Rogers..	170 14	" " ..	1,905 70
John B. Taylor...	84 00	First Parish, Derry	12 09
Daniel Owens....	16 00	Charlotte A. Duston	27 18
Daniel Owens....	10 00	E. G. Kelly.....	156 00
Daniel Owens....	8 62	A. Woodward....	92 38
John L. Bradford.	1,517 50	William Moor.....	99 97
" "	1,050 50	Jennette Humphrey	219 35
" "	2,118 00	Mary J. Whidden.	9 00
" "	105 00	Philip Nowell....	198 00
William Taylor...	500 00	John Parker, note,	248 00
" " ...	1,954 90		<hr/>
			\$11,731 41



## SUMMARY.

Schools,	\$1,140 95	Collectors,	200 00
Snow paths,	921 20	Bounties,	124 00
Transient poor,	481 71	Abatements,	847 78
Roads and bridges,	168 00	Miscellaneous,	121 70
Town officers,	363 42	Notes and interest,	11,731 41
Grave yard,	84 03	County Tax,	1,180 85
Reform School,	97 13	State tax,	3,262 50
Non-resident highway tax		Cash in treasury,	4,759 44
receipts.	99 14		
Insane Asylum,	537 02		\$26,601 05
Almshouse,	394 76	Amount of receipts,	\$26,601 05
Culvert expenses,	86 00		

## NOTES PAYABLE.

E. G. Kelley,	\$2,628 91
Lily Cochrane,	54 56
Robert T. Chase,	250 00
Sylvanus Brown,	600 00
John Ordway,	1,000 00
Jessee Little,	500 00
S. Brown,	300 00
William Moor,	525 00
Hiram Sargent,	1,600 00
Joha B. Taylor,	1,400 00
John Ordway,	1,000 00
Robert T. Chase,	100 00
N. A. Bray,	500 00
Charlotte Duston,	220 00
James A. Dix,	390 00
A. Woodward,	747 46
William Taylor,	2,000 00
Susan M. Johnson,	100 00
Wm. Moor,	300 00
J. P. Whitcomb,	1,500 00
Jennette Humphrey,	300 00
Joseph Chase,	300 00
I. Hubbard,	300 00
Marshall Merriam,	500 00
Christopher Chase,	119 10
Alexis Proctor,	400 00
Joseph Leach,	160 00
Mary Jane Whidden,	150 00

Samuel H. Quincy,	1,965 61	
John Patten,	200 00	
First Parish in Derry,	400 00	
Joseph Leach,	100 00	
E. P. Upton,	1,000 50	
Geo. N. Warner,	1,054 20	
James Nowell,	800 00	
Daniel Owens,	150 00	
Richard Melvin,	500 00	
Clarissa Lincoln,	440 00	
George Warner,	200 00	
Jerusha Kelley,	387 00	
Phillip Nowell,	3,300 00	
Phillip Nowell,	1,667 42	
George Moor,	2,250 00	
Sarah H. Moor,	757 26	
Joseph Chase,	300 00	
N. A. Bray,	600 00	
George K. Whitney,	500 00	
Humphrey Choate,	200 00	
Josephine A. Austin,	200 00	
Charlotte A. Duston,	550 00	
Ebenezer Dustin,	1,400 00	
Jared P. Whitecomb,	1,000 00	
Joseph Jenness,	900 00	
	<hr/>	\$38 816 52
Interest due on above notes, Feb, 15, 1868,		1,590 60
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		\$40,407 12

## BALANCE SHEET.

TOWN OF DERRY,		Dr.
To notes payable,	\$40,407 12	
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		Cr.
By uncollected taxes,	\$1,840 36	
Cash in treasury,	4,759 44	
Due from County,	142 15	
Balance, being amount of town debt,	33,665 17	
	<hr/>	\$40,407 12
1867.	ISAAC H. JONES, Collector.	Dr.
To amount of uncollected taxes, March, 1867,		\$1,740 73

CR.

By amount paid town treasurer,	\$1,240 00	
balance of uncollected taxes,	500 00	
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1867. I. A. DUSTIN, Collector. DR.

To amount of uncollected taxes, March 1. 1867,		\$2,570 56
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CR.

By amount paid town treasury,	\$2,488 45	
balance of uncollected taxes,	82 11	
	<hr/>	\$2,570 56

1867. EDMUND ADAMS, Collector. DR.

To amount of tax list.		\$12,146 03
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CR.

By paid County tax,	\$1,150 85	
Town treasurer,	7,450 00	
Selectmen,	2,390 93	
Balance of uncollected taxes,	1,121 25	
	<hr/>	\$12,146 03

Due on E. G. Shute's note,	\$134 00	
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GEO. W. BARKER, Treasurer, in acc't with town of Derry, DR.

1867. February 14.

To cash on hand, balance of last year.	\$3 340 47	
" received of E. G. Shute,	896 44	
" " I. H. Jones,	1,240 73	
" " I. A. Dustin,	2,488 45	
" " E. Adams,	7,450 00	
" " Selectmen,	6,617 61	
	<hr/>	\$22,033 70

CR.

By paid orders of Selectmen,	\$17,274 26	
amount of cash on hand,	4,759 44	
	<hr/>	\$22,033 70

GEORGE MOORE, 2d,	} Selectmen of Derry.
GEO. I. CHOATE,	
GEORGE SHUTE,	

This certifies that I have examined the foregoing accounts, as presented by the Selectmen, and find them correctly cast, and satisfactory vouchers corresponding thereto.

EDMUND ADAMS, Auditor.

February 29, 1868.

## ALMSHOUSE REPORT.

Invoice of Stock and Produce, Feb. 17, 1868.

1 horse,	\$65 00	soap,	\$ 1 00
2 oxen,	250 00	fowls,	8 00
8 cows,	450 00	lumber,	15 00
3 hogs,	50 00	60 lbs. ham,	10 00
3 sheep,	10 00	300 do. pork,	45 00
18 tons of hay,	396 00	200 do. beef,	12 00
200 lbs. of oil meal,	6 00	5 lbs. lard,	1 50
50 bushels corn,	75 00	12 do. butter,	4 80
2 1-2 bushels barley,	2 50	pickles,	3 00
Wood,	100 00	25 lbs. tallow,	2 75
6 bushels bean,	27 00	2 gals. molasses,	1 20
dried apples,	2 00	10 lbs. sugar,	1 50
vinegar,	20 00	tea,	1 40
cider,	15 00	flour,	5 00
3 bbls apples,	6 00		
turnips,	75		
100 bushels potatoes,	100 00		
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			\$1,703 40

## ALMSHOUSE IN ACCOUNT WITH TOWN.

DR

To invoice of 1867,	\$1,580 87	
Due from H. P. Hood, 1867,	84 00	
Amount sold from farm,	731 26	
Superintendent's salary,	300 00	
Amount drawn from town treasury,	150 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,846 13

CR.

Invoice of 1868,	\$1,707 40	
Bills paid,	794 39	
Cash received from County,	96 00	
Amount due from County,	142 15	
Due from H. P. Hood,	81 95	
	<hr/>	\$2,821 89
Balance against Almshouse,		\$24 24

In accordance with a vote of the town, we hereby submit our report of the financial affairs of the town for the past year.

At the closing of the accounts last year, the balance against the town was \$36,131 38, to which should be added the "John Parker note," \$248, and U. S. bounties, \$124, amounting to \$36,503 38, town debt at that time.

The balance now against the town is \$33,665 17. Consequently, the liabilities of the town have been reduced the past year, \$2,838.91.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE MOOR, 2ND,	} Selectmen of Derry.
GEORGE I. CHOATE,	
GEORGE SHUTE,	



## REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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"It is the requirement of law that "the School Committee shall present to the town, at its annual meeting, a report, stating the number of weeks the public schools have been kept in each district, in summer and winter, and what portion by male and what by female teachers; the whole number of scholars that have attended each school, and the number attending to each study; the number of children between four and fourteen that have not attended school, and the number of persons in each district between the ages of fourteen and twenty-one years who cannot read and write, with such suggestions relative to the schools as they may think useful."—[General Statutes, p. 171, sec. 19.]

In order to furnish the Committee with the facts required, registers are distributed by the Secretary of the Board of Education, through the Committees, to every teacher of our public schools, with questions on these topics and others, and it is made the duty of the teachers to give a distinct answer to every question—and no teacher can lawfully receive payment for services till this duty has been fully discharged.—[Gen. Stat., p. 170, sec. 14 and sec. 15.]

Your present Committee can perhaps better discharge the statistical part of his duty by giving a digest of the registers, so far as the convenience of the printer will admit. It will be apparent at a glance how each school stands and compares with the others. The blank spaces will show where the returns are deficient. The schools in several of the districts are reported as two terms. But when they were kept by the same teacher and were continuous, or nearly so, they were regarded by the Committee as embracing but one term, and visited as one school, and are so reported in the Statistical Table.

### TEACHERS.

- No. 1, Miss C. C. Stevens,  
David B. Johnson,  
2, Miss Fannie Webster,  
Miss H. M. Dinsmore,  
3, Miss R. S. Boltwood,  
Miss H. M. Knowles,  
4, Miss L. Merriam,  
Nathan Merriam,  
5, Miss F. G. Tilton,  
6, Miss A. S. Moulton,

- No. 7, Miss N. L. Kimball,  
Miss S. C. Merrill,  
8, Miss H. M. Dinsmore,  
Miss M. A. Mitchell,  
9, Miss E. Dana,  
10, Miss M. F. Pingree,  
Miss S. K. Hall,  
11, Miss L. J. Priest,  
12, Miss S. D. Hazelton.

The whole number of weeks of school is 198, averaging to the twelve districts 16 1-2 weeks. The average wages of female teachers, \$19.57 per month. There were but two male teachers, having, one \$40 and the other \$28.

The whole number of scholars reported is 652, and the average attendance 482—less than four-fifths.

The instances of tardiness sum up to large figures. This, and unsteady attendance, betrays a lack of interest and energy on the part of scholars, and perhaps of parents too, which does not promise well for the future children who grow up in the habit of attending to important things only when it is agreeable or entirely convenient, who will be likely to have a slipshod life of it. And the schools that do not awaken enthusiasm enough in its members to make them promptly on hand every day, and at the proper hour, when possible, will most likely be a dawdling kind of school, all through.

Most of the teachers report their schools not "well furnished with text books," and yet not a single volume "furnished indigent children." The statute provides that upon the neglect or refusal of the parents, &c., after notice, to supply their scholars with necessary books, "the same shall be furnished by the School Committee at the expense of the town; and the cost of the same shall be added to the next annual tax of such parent, &c., if able to pay the same." There could hardly be a necessity, in so intelligent a community as ours, to resort to this method of supplying school books to scholars whose parents are able to procure them. Teachers, should, however, be faithful to report to the Committee any want in this respect, that it may be in some manner supplied.

The matter of "Books of Reference," "Mural Maps and Charts," "Globes and other apparatus," &c., (and that of a "district or school library," also,) are commended to the favorable action of the several districts. These are important helps to education, which those who understand the subject best usually supply most liberally. A few dollars invested in them, from time to time, may be of much more consequence than an additional month of school. The subject of ventilation is *vital*. The hot, fetid air of an unventilated school room must be injurious to health, and the disastrous effect will sooner or later appear. It should be considered that an "arrangement for ventilation" which goes no farther than into the attic, cannot answer the purpose. It should have communication with the outside air through the roof or otherwise.

Our schools, judged by an average standard of the district schools of this region, and, possibly, of the whole country, might not suffer largely; but judged by the standard of excellence which it is desirable and important to reach, would be pronounced,

for the most part, not a little deficient, and, indeed, the best of them lacking in to great a degree, the essential means of the best school culture.

If we consider what we want to accomplish by our schools, we may say that the leading object, from the beginning to the end of school life, is to enable the young to think—to think correctly and consecutively—so that they may be fitted to grapple strongly, survey rightly, and decide justly the thousand questions which come up in every department of after life.

In the family and in the field, in the shop and in the office, as well as in the higher walks of business and of public station, the men and the women of our country need to think, to consider, to decide, each for one's self, and, often, on matters intimately connected with personal happiness, domestic comfort and the public welfare.

Americans, of all the people of this world, *must* think—examine and judge of what is best for themselves. Every interest of our form of society is vitally blended with this Yankee attribute. And our national prosperity, progress and permanency depend upon our ability, as a people, to do that wisely and well.

Let the schools, then, in all their grades, be for the training of the thought-power of mind, so that it be quick to penetrate, steady in examination, comprehensive in views, and reliable in results. This, of course, is not all that schools should accomplish for the young, but it is obviously a special part of their important province.

Among the most obvious methods of cultivating the thinking power of pupils, are watchful guarding against a mere parrot-like recitation of rules and forms and the mere mechanical solution of problems by the rule, but without understanding the principles involved. The habit of teaching scholars to examine and decide for themselves upon things easy or hard to be understood, and without any other aid than may be needful to guide them in their efforts; instructions in the relations and dependencies of different subjects and different parts of the same subject, so as to lead to comparison and reflection; and always requiring thorough, and, if possible, profitable preparation of every exercise. Nothing contributes more effectually to mental inefficiency than half or quarter knowledge, and now *—* up the mind to strength and power than clear *—* and certain knowledge which one can use at will.

Your Committee has been pleased to see that a portion of our teachers have understood this subject, and have endeavored to conduct their schools on these principles. In reading, for example, Miss Macaen, in No. 8, confined her classes to a few pages, until

these were thoroughly understood and her pupils able to read them with a desirable degree of correctness. A few lessons thoroughly mastered will furnish a standard, in the pupil's mind, to which he will at all times refer in the practice of new lessons and in their reading. Other schools in which the quality of reading was most observed, were those of Mr. Johnson, in No. 1, and Miss Dinsmore, No. 2, Miss Knowles, No. 3, and Miss Dana, No. 9. The same is true in all branches of study. A few things well understood, and thus easy to be applied, will do much more to impart information, as well as to discipline and strengthen mental power, than a hurried passing over of large space with but little knowledge of the things contained in them.

Your Committee has not much to say in particular upon the several schools after the full statistical report of them from the register. Something pleasant and commendable is found in the notes made of the several visits at nearly or quite all the schools. There has been no serious failure. A considerable proportion of the teachers were better qualified than in some former years, both in their own command of the subjects taught and in the use of better methods of instruction.

The books in use are the same as for some years past. In Reading—The Bible and the series of Progressive Readers, Spelling Book; In Arithmetic—Greenleaf's series; In Geography—Cornell's series; In Grammar—Tower's Elements and Quackenbos'; In History—Goodrich's History of the United States; In Algebra—Davies and Robinson; In Writing—Payson, Dunton and Scribner; In Physiology—Cutter; Webster's Dictionary.

Some other text books have crept in, mostly from the academies, and have broken up somewhat the uniformity of other years.

Respectfully submitted,

E. S. PARSONS, School Com.

Derry, March 2, 1868.



Number of the districts,.....	I.		II.		III.		IV.		V.	VI.	VII.		VIII.		IX.		X.	XI.	XII.
Length of schools, in weeks,....	16	9	16	13	8	5	8	8	10	12½	9	8	10	8	15	-		11	18
Wages of teachers a month, including board, ....	\$24	\$40	\$24	\$30	\$23	\$18	\$18	\$28	\$18	18	\$20	26	\$16	\$24	\$20	-		\$18	\$14
Whole number of different scholars,.....	52	63	56	56	15	16	41	43	34	28	32	30	24	29	21	-		34	10
Average attendance,.....	42	49	44	-	13	14	35	35	22½	20	25	28	10½	24	18	-		25	8
Number between 4 and 14, not attending school..	-	-	-	-	1	0	3	5	1	-	2	20	-	2	4	-		1	4
Scholars between 4 and 16,.....	-	58	56	56	13	16	41	39	34	28	31	28	-	28	20	-		34	9
Scholars over 16 years of age,.....	0	5	0	-	0	0	-	4	1	0	1	2	-	1	1	-		0	1
How many instances of tardiness,....	373	-	137	72	18	33	91	82	35	111	116	116	21	76	62	-		42	8
How many instances of dismissal,.....	84	-	16	-	4	16	76	72	0	17	12	49	-	5	11	-		7	3
Pupils not absent one half day,.....	6	4	2	7	4	5	10	7	9	9	6	5	1	4	1	-		11	11
Cases of corporal punishment,....	-	-	4	-	0	0	3	few.	-	sev'l.	-	5	-	2	few.	-		0	3
Volumes furnished indigent children,.....	-	-	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	-	-	0	0	-		0	0
Number of visits by School Committee, .....	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	-		3	1
Number of visits by Prudential Committee,.....	0	3	1	1	0	0	-	0	1	1	-	2	-	1	2	-		0	1
Number of visits by citizens and others,.....	24	16	90	0	21	10	6	7	9	29	32	11	-	7	46	-		15	37
How many have made reading a study,.....	52	-	56	6	15	16	41	35	34	28	32	30	24	29	21	-		34	19
Spelling,.....	52	-	56	0	15	16	41	42	34	28	28	30	24	29	21	-		34	10
Pennmanship,.....	30	-	23	3	12	4	17	10	18	12	10	10	16	25	15	-		6	6
Arithmetic,.....	46	-	35	3	11	11	24	35	21	16	15	15	19	25	19	-		30	8
Algebra,.....	1	-	0	1	0	0	3	4	0	0	0	1	-	0	3	-		0	0
Grammar,.....	17	-	5	7	4	3	3	7	5	5	2	4	4	1	5	-		6	3
Geography,.....	20	-	23	9	6	3	14	12	19	13	10	6	11	13	16	-		13	7
Composition,.....	0	-	0	4	3	1	-	0	0	0	6	0	1	9	8	-		0	4
History,.....	4	-	1	0	1	1	-	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	-		0	0
Physiology,.....	0	-	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-		0	0
How many have attended to other studi,.....	1	-	0	0	0	0	-	1	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	-		0	0
Is the school well furnished with text-books,....	0	-	yes.	0	0	0	-	0	yes.	yes.	0	yes.	-	-	0	-		-	yes.
How many volumes in B. B. books,.....	0	-	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	-	0	0	-	12	0	-		0	0
How many volumes in C. C. books,.....	0	-	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	-		0	0
How many volumes in D. D. books,.....	0	-	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	-		0	0
How many volumes in E. E. books,.....	0	-	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	-		0	0
How many volumes in F. F. books,.....	0	-	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	-		0	0
How many volumes in G. G. books,.....	0	-	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	-		0	0
How many volumes in H. H. books,.....	0	-	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	-		0	0
How many volumes in I. I. books,.....	0	-	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	-		0	0
How many volumes in J. J. books,.....	0	-	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	-		0	0
How many volumes in K. K. books,.....	0	-	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	-		0	0
How many volumes in L. L. books,.....	0	-	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	-		0	0
How many volumes in M. M. books,.....	0	-	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	-		0	0
How many volumes in N. N. books,.....	0	-	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	-		0	0
How many volumes in O. O. books,.....	0	-	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	-		0	0
How many volumes in P. P. books,.....	0	-	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	-		0	0
How many volumes in Q. Q. books,.....	0	-	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	-		0	0
How many volumes in R. R. books,.....	0	-	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	-		0	0
How many volumes in S. S. books,.....	0	-	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	-		0	0
How many volumes in T. T. books,.....	0	-	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	-		0	0
How many volumes in U. U. books,.....	0	-	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	-		0	0
How many volumes in V. V. books,.....	0	-	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	-		0	0
How many volumes in W. W. books,.....	0	-	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	-		0	0
How many volumes in X. X. books,.....	0	-	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	-		0	0
How many volumes in Y. Y. books,.....	0	-	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	-		0	0
How many volumes in Z. Z. books,.....	0	-	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	-		0	0

United with District No. 9, Londonderry.





REPORT  
OF THE  
SELECTMEN  
AND  
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
TOWN OF DERRY,  
For the Year ending February 13, 1869.

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MANCHESTER:  
FISK'S STEAM JOB PRINTING ESTABLISHMENT.  
1869.



## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

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Feb. 13, 1869.

The receipts of the year have been as follows:—

Amount in Treasury. Feb 15, 1868.....	\$4,759 44
of money hired for use of the town.....	6,867 21
Received of Edmund Adams, coll .....	9,223 71
Interest on taxes.....	8 59
From State Treasurer.....	16 00
County.....	887 70
Amount of taxes received from different banks.....	121 84
On case of Eliza Mills.....	100 00
On Edward G Shute's note .....	143 89
W W Poor on I H Jones' list of 1865.....	500 00
I A Dustin on list of 1866.....	82 11
G O Reynolds on list of 1867.....	47 00
do do 1868.....	2,400 00
do interest on taxes.....	30 00
Railroad tax received.....	694 77
Savings bank do .....	436 34
Literary fund do ... ..	79 20
U S bounties do .....	364 00
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	\$26,756 80

## PAID ON ACCOUNT OF SCHOOLS.

1868.		District No. 11.....	\$80 53
District No. 1.....	\$268 29	12.....	70 49
2.....	279 31	Hampstead.....	7 20
3.....	64 65	do School house tax	7 28
4.....	114 01	Chester.....	4 10
5.....	67 44	Salem, 1868.....	4 30
6.....	72 86	do 1867.....	2 73
7.....	136 92	I A Dustin, an account of	
8.....	151 28	schools of 1866.....	15 00
9.....	92 22		<hr/>
10.....	27 60		\$1,466 21

## SNOW PATHS.

1868.		Paid J L Cunningham	\$ 8 10
Paid Nathaniel H Brown	\$47 09	Samuel Brown	5 35
Geo R N Sargent	9 61	Robert W Adams	14 25
Joseph Montgomery	17 50	Marshall Merriam	10 29
Silas P Boynton	6 06	Samuel F Taylor	1 50
Geo W Davis	3 75	Christopher Chase	10 95
Harrison Shattuck	27 75	James Miltimore	6 00
Jacob Townsend	17 66	Robt Rogers, Jr	2 10
Thaddeus Wheeler	33 27		
Daniel M Emery	16 82		<u>\$238 05</u>

## TRANSIENT POOR.

1868.		Paid Geo N Kimball, services rend'd family of A H Welch	\$ 18 93
Alonzo Kimball, drawing wood to	do	do	1 59
Dr Josiah C Eastman, med att on	do	do	169 23
Daniel J Day, wood furnished	do	do	9 00
J Stevens, washing for	do	do	20 00
Ann Kershaw, nursing the	do	do	22 00
Geo Taylor, wood furnished	do	do	4 00
Harriet Tuttle, board and clothing of Welch child			72 81
Taylor, Hill & Co, supplies to family A H Welch,			81 00
do do John A Raymond			68 00
Jacob Sheldon, board of Nathan S Sheldon			45 00
Supplies to Mrs Margaret Parker			30 99
do Misses Sargent			11 50
do Geo Alexander			30 50
do Thomas Flaherty			26 46
Dr James H Crombie, med att on Flaherty family			37 00
Aid to transient poor			21 00
			<u>\$668 92</u>

## ROADS AND BRIDGES.

1868.		Paid Daniel J Day, repairs on road.....	\$ 7 25
John McGinty, labor on roads.....			1 80
John Hemphill, labor on sinking bridge.....			14 00
Geo Moore, 2d, repair of road near Jonas Herrick's...			25 25
do repairs on Gulf Hill.....			24 28
Ezra Foster, repairs of bridge near J Herrick's.....			3 60
Geo Shute, repairs of sinking bridge and turn-pike....			22 50
Chas Clyde, repairs on roads.....			23 70
Jonas Herrick, lumber for bridge.....			12 96
Christopher Chase, labor on Mill Hill.....			1 05
Benjamin Wilson, lumber for bridge....			5 00
Charles E Rand, labor and lumber on bridge.....			8 92
John C Drew, use of scraper.....			50
Daniel M Emery, labor on highway.....			16 82
			<u>\$167 63</u>



## TOWN OFFICERS.

1868.

Paid Geo Moore, 2d, balance of services 1867.....	\$16 00
Geo I Choate, do do .....	18 00
Geo Shute, do do .....	11 00
Edmund Adams, services as Auditor, 1866-7.....	4 00
Benj Barker, constable, 1868.....	5 00
Geo W Barker, clerk and treasurer, 1868.....	50 00
Geo W Barker, extra expenses as clerk.....	5 00
Rev L S Parker, S S com, 1868.....	40 00
Geo Moore, 2d, services as selectman, 1868.....	82 23
do extra expenses do .....	23 00
Geo I Choate, services as do .....	80 50
Geo Shute, do do .....	49 00
do extra expenses as do .....	6 75
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	\$390 53

## GRAVE YARD.

1868.

Paid James Taylor, interring bodies and care of hearse...	\$81 00
do repairs on hearse house.....	30
Geo Moore, 2d, one set of door trucks.....	1 00
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	\$82 30

## NON-RESIDENT HIGHWAY RECEIPTS.

1868.

Paid on tax list of 1865 .....	\$ 9 16
do 1867.....	7 38
do 1868.....	52 34
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	\$68 88

## ASYLUM FOR THE INSANE.

1868.

Paid support of John G Bond.....	\$174 45
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## ALMS HOUSE.

1868.

Paid Chas Chcate, bal of supt's salary, 1867.....	\$100 00
do part of do 1868.....	150 00
Amount drawn from treasury by Supt.....	100 00
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	\$350 00

## COLLECTOR.

1868.

Paid executor of estate of Edmund Adams.....	\$100 00
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## ABATEMENTS.

1868.			
Paid on I A Dustin's list of 1866.....	\$	62 48	
Edmund Adams' do 1867.....		146 81	
G O Reynolds' do do .....		38 42	
Edmund Adams' do 1868.....		60 18	
G O Reynolds' do do .....		71 15	
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			\$379 04

## MISCELLANEOUS.

1868,			
Paid J A Dustin, service in Dorr case.....	\$	8 88	
H E Eastman, one cask of lime .....		2 00	
Nathaniel Brown, for wood at parish hall, 1868.....		7 50	
Harrison Shattuck, do do 1867.....		5 75	
E Coggs well, care of parish hall, tolling bell, &c.....		17 75	
Charles H Bell, legal service.....		3 00	
Robert Alexander, sheep killed by dogs.....		31 92	
Samuel Wilson, do do .....		7 70	
Henry D Carr, do do .....		3 42	
John McGinty, do do .....		3 42	
Isaac L Seavy, do do .....		3 42	
Wm H Fisk, books, stationery, &c.....		51 08	
McFarland & Jenks, fund-blanks.....		25 00	
Edmund Adams, tax bills.....		4 00	
B F Sanborn, town officer .....		2 50	
Wm Anderson, drafting bonds.....		2 00	
E C Eastman, record book.....		3 10	
Geo Moore, 2d, stamps and stationery.....		5 70	
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			\$188 14

## NOTES AND INTEREST PAID.

1868.			
Paid E P Upton	\$	169 70	Paid Richard Melvin \$ 60 00
Daniel Owens	151 67	Joseph Leach	202 54
James C Taylor	24 00	Parmelia Nowell	30 17
N A Bray	985 74	Sarah H Moore	52 70
Frank A Lincoln	475 60	John Ordway	642 08
Susan M Johnson	12 36	Martha Warner	1 27
Joseph Chase	31 00	Joseph Jenness	969 58
John B Taylor	284 00	Jesse Little	673 11
Wm Taylor	2,083 33	William Moore	934 74
Josephine A Austin	12 00	James Nowell	204 42
J P Whitcomb	236 17	Christopher Chase	130 35
Ebenezer Duston	1,494 36	Geo K Whitney	571 81
Charlotte A Dustin	827 54		
E G Kelly	2,837 45		
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			\$14,097 69

## SUMMARY,

Schools	\$1,466 21	Collector	100 00
Snow paths	238 05	Abatements	379 04
Transient poor	668 92	Miscellaneous	188 14
Roads and bridges	167 63	Notes and interest	14,097 69
Town officers	390 53	State tax	3,262 50
Grave yard	82 30	County tax	1,398 37
Non-resident highway tax		Cash in treasury	3,724 09
Receipts	68 88		
Insane Asylum	174 45		26,756 80
Alms house	350 00	Amount of receipts	\$26,756 80

## NOTES PAYABLE.

Marshall Merriam	\$500 00	A Woodward	747 46
Richard Melvin	500 00	Susan M Johnson	100 00
Jerusha Kelly	387 60	Alexis Proctor	400 00
Ithamar Hubbard	300 00	Samuel H Quincy	1,965 61
Humphrey Choate	200 00	John Patten	200 00
Josephine A Austin	200 00	First Parish in Derry	400 00
Lilly Cochrane	74 44	Joseph Leach	100 00
George Warner	146 33		
Hiram Sargent	1,175 28		10,236 12
Robert T Chase	250 00	Interest due on notes Feb.	
Sylvanus Brown	600 00	13, 1869,	1,411 37
Sylvanus Brown	300 00	Funded debt,	24 450 00
John B Taylor	1,200 00		
Robt T Chase	100 00		\$36 097 49
James A Dix	390 00		

## BALANCE SHEET.

TOWN OF DERRY,	-	-	-	Dr.
To bonds, notes and interest payable.....				\$36,097 49
			Cr.	
By uncollected taxes.....				\$ 998 03
cash in treasury.....				3,724 09
Due from County.....				69 46
William Johnson, note....				102 50
Balance being amount of town debt. ....				31,203 41
				—————\$36,097 49

1868. EDMUND ADAMS, Collector. Dr.

To amount of uncollected taxes, Feb. 15, 1868.....\$1,124 25  
Cr.

By amount paid town treasurer.....\$727 45  
balance of uncollected taxes..... 396 80  
—————\$1,124 25

1868.

EDMUND ADAMS, Collector.

Dr.

To amount of tax list of 1868.....\$11,503 03

Cr.

By paid County tax....\$1,398 37

Selectmen.....1,688 19

Town treasurer.....5,456 71

Bal. of uncollected taxes at E. Adams' death. 2,959 76

\$11,503 03

1868.

GAYTON O. REYNOLDS, Collector.

Dr.

To balance of tax list of 1868.....\$2,959 76

Cr.

To amount paid town treasurer.....\$2,400 00

Balance of uncollected taxes.....559 76

\$2,959 76

GEO. W. BARKER, Treasurer, in acc't with town of Derry, Dr.

1869. Feb. 23.

To cash on hand, balance of last year.....\$4,759 44

do received from taxes of banks.....121 84

do do State treasurer.....16 00

do do E G Shute's note and interest.....143 89

do do I A Dustin, collector.....82 11

do do W W Poor, collector of Jones' list. 500 00

do do E Adams, collector's list, 1867 .....680 45

do do G O Reynolds, do do ....47 00

do do E Adams do of 1868.....5,456 71

do do G O Reynolds, do....2,400 00

do do E Adams, interest .....3 59

do do G O Reynolds, do.....30 00

do do Selectmen.....7,854 91

\$22,095 94

Cr.

By paid orders of Selectmen.....\$18 371 85

cash on hand.....3,724 09

\$22,095 94

GEORGE MOORE, 2d, } Selectmen  
 GEO. I. CHOATE, } of  
 GEORGE SHUTE, } Derry.

I have carefully examined the foregoing accounts, and find the same correctly cast, with satisfactory vouchers corresponding thereto.

February 26, 1869.

W. W. POOR.

ALMS-HOUSE REPORT.—Invoice of Stock and Produce Feb.  
13, 1869.

1 horse,	\$65 00	30 lbs. butter,	14 40
2 oxen,	250 00	15 doz candles,	3 00
9 cows,	500 00	60 gals soap,	10 00
2 hogs,	71 00	140 bush potatoes,	100 00
2 sheep, 10; 12 fowles, 6,	16 00	50 gals vinegar,	15 50
25 tons English hay,	450 00	240 do cider,	37 50
2 tons run hay,	18 00	pickles, 1 50; vegetables, 2,	3 50
Shorts,	20 00	Cranberries, 2 50; flour, 5,	7 50
50 bush. corn,	60 00	Sugar, 1; tea, 1 40,	2 40
Dried apples, 5; beans, 12,	17 00	Molasses, .60; lumber, 8,	8 60
Squashes,	3 50	Fire wood,	100 00
120 lbs. ham,	24 00	Yarn,	4 25
350 lbs. pork,	70 00		
100 lbs. beef,	11 00		
65 lbs. lard,	14 30		
			<u>\$1,896 45</u>

ALMS HOUSE IN ACCOUNT WITH TOWN, DR.

To invoice of 1868.....	\$1,707 40
Due from H P Hood, 1868.....	81 95
Amount sold from farm.....	529 17
Superintendent's salary.....	300 00
Drawn from town treasury.....	100 00
	<u>—————\$2,718 52</u>

CR.

Invoice of 1869.....	\$1,896 45
Bills paid.....	502 14
Amount received from County.....	332 40
Due from County.....	16 00
Due from H P Hood.....	133 14
Improvements.....	25 00
	<u>—————\$2,905 13</u>

Balance in favor of Almshouse.....\$186 61

In accordance with a vote of the town we hereby submit our report of the financial affairs of the town for the past year.

GEORGE MOORE, 2d, } Selectmen  
GEO. I. CHOATE, } of  
GEORGE SHUTE, } Derry.





## REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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The Superintendent of schools makes to his townsmen the following report of the condition of the schools during the year now closing.

### DISTRICT NO. 1.

In summer this school was under the care of the same teacher as last year, and the general good order and faithful instruction then distinctly noticed, were fully sustained. There was a smaller attendance than usual during a part of the season. The winter school was crowded with pupils from first to last, and was of marked excellence.

### DISTRICT NO. 2.

Another year of success has been given to this school. Both the teachers acquitted themselves with honor. The scholars were orderly and studious. Several of the more advanced pupils left school before the winter examination to join their classes in the Academy.

### DISTRICT NO. 3.

The young lady in charge of this school began her work as a teacher during this year. She proved herself to be able and apt to teach. The scholars, though few in number, made fair progress.

### DISTRICT NO. 4.

The committee of this district wisely chose one of our most approved teachers to take charge of the school for both terms. The school was shorter than if a second or third class teacher had been employed, but it was far more profitable. The discipline was worthy of all praise.

### DISTRICT NO. 5.

This school in summer opened favorably, but was somewhat interrupted by the teacher's illness. The winter term was one of special interest. This school stands first on our list for regular and punctual attendance.

## DISTRICT NO. 6.

The school term in this district was shorter than is desirable, though several families sent pupils in part to other schools; but while it lasted, the scholars worked like bees, under the inspiring guidance of their beloved teacher. Music and compositions, along with the ordinary exercises, graced the close of the school.

## DISTRICT NO. 7.

By some mistake the committee was not duly apprised of the close of the summer term, and therefore cannot speak of the appearance of the school at that time. Both teacher and scholars promised well at the beginning of the school. For the winter, an instructor of ripe age and experience was chosen, under whose care some of the methods of former years were put in practice. The closing exhibition of the school was fair and pleasant.

## DISTRICT NO. 8.

In this district special care was taken to secure tried teachers. Both labored faithfully. The examinations were thorough and satisfactory. It is pleasant to see this school, so large in former years, filling up again.

## DISTRICT NO. 9.

The teacher of this school began her professional course this year. Order, clearness, and strength appeared in the arrangement and exercises of the school. The school-room has been decidedly improved.

## DISTRICT NO. 10.

The scholars of this district, as for two years past, have gone to district No. 9, in Londonderry.

## DISTRICT NO. 11.

The teacher of this school speaks of being annoyed by the ill conduct of a few pupils the first part of the term. Later in the season, several of the families left town, and sickness thinned the school. The pupils that appeared at the examination, recited creditably. The teacher's report was a model one.

## DISTRICT NO. 12.

This small school holds on its way like a little Monitor, rising in character from year to year. Both teacher and pupils deserve approval. Two private schools were opened later, patronized in part from other districts, and from out of town.

In the schools of our fathers, in our existing schools, we find much to approve and rejoice in. Their fruits demonstrate that they are of a good type. Out of these nurseries have gone forth men and women who have been like trees planted in the courts of the Lord. But it must force itself on every thoughtful, observant person, that we are not to rest in the past in this regard, but are to be constantly moving forward. We attain perfection here in no one thing. It is alike our duty and interest to be ever striving for it, ever approaching that grand ideal. We are in an age in which there is a wonderful awakening of mind and heart in almost every direction, in respect to almost every worthy object. In every branch of human industry, in every department of science and art, there is attention, study, energy, life. While everything is thus advancing, like the glorious orbs in the heavens, a demand is made upon us to put forth new efforts in the cause of early education, that the training of the young may keep pace with the march of improvement in other things. In order to proceed intelligently, so as not to waste any strength, let us endeavor to fix in our minds a true conception of what we need in our schools that we may reach the best results in this field. At the foundation of the whole enterprise lies a profound interest in the community in this object. No two or three individuals, however disposed or gifted, can do the work. The many, not the few, must be enlisted in it.—The people must not passively accept the institution, but must cherish a living interest in it. It is not a hard task for any true mind to bring itself into deep sympathy with this vital movement. It is the beginning of a training for the great work of life. The foundations are laying for all after years. The feeling aroused or chilled, the energy cooled, or the sloth fostered, the thoroughness or superficiality practised, are as seed sown for a future harvest, reach on in their effects through all coming life. If the habits of order, of earnest study, of thorough understanding and execution here formed and strengthened, are what they should be, the entire succeeding life will be shaped and inspired by them. The pupils will become a law to themselves. They will surely attain an honorable eminence. If it be otherwise, the whole of the years to come will be shaded and blighted thereby. Any parent, any lover of his kind, who will duly reflect on this subject, cannot fail of being strongly impressed by a sense of its importance. He will be ready to bear his part in the labor and expense that are required to make the school what it should be. His home will breathe a spirit of sympathy with the school, with the teacher, and especially with any of the pupils who are under his personal care. Every facility in his power will be afforded such to aid them in their studies. He



will not hesitate, if need be, to buckle on the armor of former years, like aged Priam, and to become a student again with his children or wards. He will see to it that they attend school constantly and punctually. Not his heart only, but his presence, from time to time, will be in the schoolroom. In the studies and discipline of the school, he will confer with and sustain the teacher. If any mistake is made, or misunderstanding occurs—for who is perfect?—he will follow the Bible rule, and first of all, consult the head of the school, seeking in the spirit of good will, any explanation or desired change.

Pass we now to the schoolroom. This should be sufficiently spacious for the number of pupils; it should be well ventilated, well furnished, and well warmed in winter, and be kept in perfect repair. No broken windows, chairs, or desks should be seen. Whatever maps, or other works of reference are necessary, should be supplied. The school edifice, thus constructed and furnished, is to be put into the hands of the teacher, who is to see that it is kept neat and uninjured. No hacking of desks or seats, no scattering about of pieces of paper, or of food, or of any thing of the kind, is to be tolerated. System, order, are to reign within and around the schoolhouse. The pupils of every age are to be taught to control their lips, and feet, and bodies, to handle their books, and maps, and slates with great carefulness, so as to create no disturbance.—They are to attend to their studies, and not to the other pupils, or to visitors, or to travellers in the street. Before school, at recess, and when dismissed at noon or night, no tumult whatever is to be allowed. Good order is to be secured as the prime requisite to a good school.

In the branches of study taught, thoroughness is to be constantly aimed at. Not the ground gone over is to be the standard, but the ability of the scholar to tell what he has learned, and to give the reasons of things. The principles and rules should be repeated till they are a part of the pupil's inalienable treasures; the processes are to be gone over till the mind is entirely at home with them. The scholar is to be made to understand perfectly the meaning of terms, and the nature of operations, till he can be a guide to others in these; till in reading, for example, he can take new passages, and read them aright, and give the rules; or, in arithmetic, can take problems, not in the book, and solve them, and give the reason for each step. This mastery of subjects from the first may be slow at the outset, may require much care and toil, but it is the only true course. This is Primary Education as it should be. It pays in the end. Taking care of the pence in this manner, the pounds of after years will take care of themselves. Pupils thus



educated become thinkers, scholars, men, in the best sense, able to expose shams, and to discern and advocate all right ways.

The Common School is the great institution for the training of the citizens of our Republic. No other influence reaches and moulds so many. Let it, then, be justly prized, generously supported, and steadily carried on towards perfection.

LEONARD S. PARKER.

Supt. School Committee.

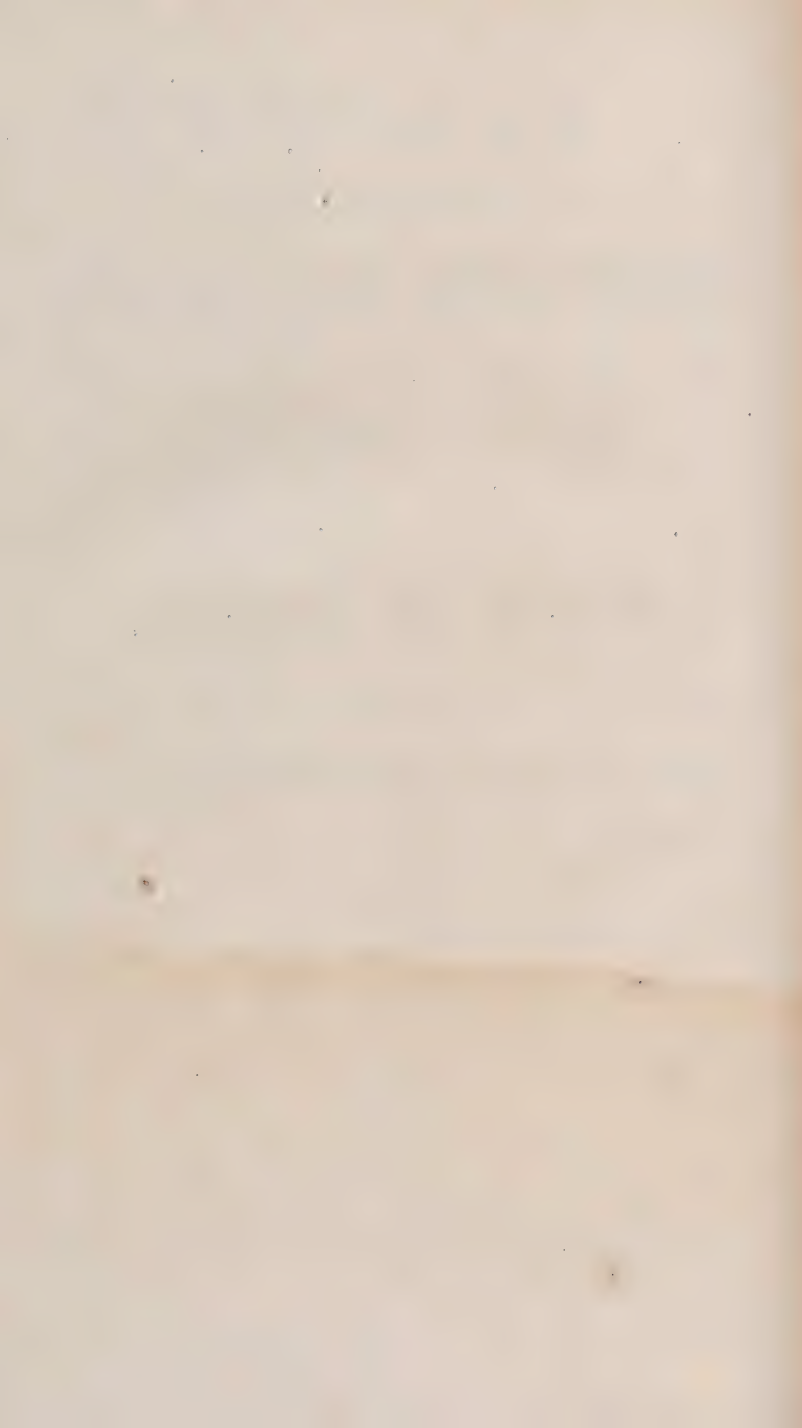
## SCHOOL STATISTICS.

DISTRICTS.	TEACHERS.	Length of terms.	No. of Pupils.	Average attendance
1.	A. C. Stevens.....	18	59	45
	G. G. McMurphy.....	10	56	51
2.	E. P. Hood.....	16	51	40
	E. Page.....	11	60	48
3.	S. E. Clark.....	21	22	14
4.	F. M. Webster.....	14	52	34
5.	H. F. Chase.....	5	26	20
	F. G. Hughes.....	12	35	34
6.	E. Rogers.....	15	28	20
7.	M. K. Hall.....	8	33	24
	E. G. Perham.....	8	28	20
8.	M. E. Dana.....	11	26	21
	F. G. Holmes.....	10	28	25
9.	L. M. Dana.....	20	27	15
10.	.....			
11.	S. MacGregor.....	16	40	21
12.	L. K. Hall.....	16	13	11

REPORTS  
OF THE  
SELECTMEN, TREASURER,  
AND  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
TOWN OF DERRY,  
FOR THE  
YEAR ENDING MARCH 1  
1870.

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MANCHESTER, N. H.:  
FISK'S STEAM JOB PRINTING ESTABLISHMENT.  
1870.



## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

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March 1, 1870.

The receipts of the year have been as follows:—

Amount in Treasury, Feb. 13, 1869.....	\$3 724 09
of William Johnson, Note .....	100 00
Money hired for use of town.....	4,800 00
Taxes received from banks.....	27 97
Interest received on J. Dickey's note.....	1 31
Cash received overpaid in 1868.....	3 05
Cash received from County Treasurer.....	499 27
Cash received from G.O. Reynold's list 1868.....	539 76
Cash received from G.O. Reynold's list 1869.....	10,913 54
Railroad tax from State Treasurer....	624 15
Savings bank tax from State Treasurer....	593 35
Literary Fund from State Treasurer.....	89 00
Rec'd of G. O. Reynolds, interest on taxes.....	40 00
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	\$21,975 49

### PAID ON ACCOUNT OF SCHOOLS.

March 1, 1870.

District No. 1.....	\$237 98
2.....	261 18
3.....	65 22
4.....	110 60
4 school-house tax of 1869.....	9 23
5.....	62 99
6.....	71 47
7.....	135 26
8.....	142 94
9.....	88 73
10 ..	26 20
11.....	80 84
12.....	64 19
12 balance due 1868.....	6 60
Hampstead 1869 .....	6 71
Salem, 1869.....	4 26
Chester, 1869 .....	3 38
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	\$1,377 78



## SNOW PATHS.

March 1, 1870.

Paid John Gregg, 1867.....	\$2 00
John H. George 1869.....	5 00
John L. Cunningham, 1869.....	2 40
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	\$9 40

## TRANSIENT POOR.

March 1, 1870.

Paid W. W. Poor, wood to Thomas Flaherty.....	\$2 25
Geo. F. Adams, supplies to Thomas Flaherty.....	16 24
Henry E. Eastman, supplies to Thomas Flaherty,...	5 09
James H. Crombie, medical attendance on do.....	37 50
George Shute, wood to Anthony Ryan.....	6 00
Learnard & Taylor, supplies to Anthony Ryan.....	3 00
James C. Palmer supplies to Anthony Ryan.....	6 00
D. O. Smith, medical attendance on Mary Ryan.....	3 50
James H. Crombie, medical attendance on A. Ryan.	18 00
D. S. Clark, medical attendance on Mary Ryan.....	25 00
Edmund Adams, wood to Peter Huse... ..	2 37
A. Bert Emery, bills paid for nursing Abigail Ordway	14 50
Frank W. Parker, for supplies to Abigail Ordway...	10 00
D. S. Clark, medical attendance on Abigail Ordway.	20 00
Benj. F. Giegg, Coffin for Abigail Ordway .....	7 00
James C. Taylor, wood to Mrs. Charles A. Humphrey	5 00
Harriet Tuttle, board and clothing of Welch child..	73 58
Jacob Sheldon, board of Nathan S. Sheldon... ..	70 50
Geo. L. Choate, wood to George Alexander.....	32 44
Leonard S. Clark, wood to Misses Sargent.....	14 00
W. M. Durgin, service of notice on town of Strafford	8 40
Aid and transportation of transient poor .....	30 75
Transportation of county poor to county farm.....	10 00
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	\$421 12

## ROADS AND BRIDGES.

March 1, 1870.

Paid John L. Cunningham, repairs on roads.....	\$6 99
George Shute, lumber and labor on bridge near J. C. Taylors.....	17 75
Levi H. Taylor repairs on bridge.....	5 69
Charles E. Rand, repairs on bridge near C. E. Rand's	5 71
Samuel Clark, labor on bridge.....	3 50
Robt. Taylor labor and lumber on bridge near J. Herricks... ..	2 00
Benj. F. Wilson, plank for bridge.....	13 50
Baker and Dickey, plank for bridge near J. Taylor's	7 60
Baker and Dickey, plank for bridge near B. P. Rice	11 65

aid Geo. Shute, repairs on bridge near Windham depot	5 00
W. D. White, labor and lumber on Fordway bridge	175 13
A. Boyd, award of selectmen for widening road 1865	30 00
W. C. Humphreys, damage on highway, awarded by selectmen, 1865.....	8 75
John H. George, repairs on road.....	4 00
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	\$297 27

## TOWN OFFICERS.

March 1, 1870.

Paid Rev. E. G. Parsons, services as school com'tte, 1867	\$45 00
Geo Moore, 2d bal for services as selectman, 1868	11 70
Geo. I. Choate, bal. for services as selectman, 1868	20 50
Geo. Shute, bal. for services as selectman, 1868....	6 00
W. W. Poor, services as auditor, 1868.....	2 00
Woodbury Storer, services as constable, 1869.....	5 00
Geo. W. Barker, town clerk, 1869.....	20 00
William Leach, treasurer, 1869.....	30 00
Gayton O. Reynolds, services as collector, 1868...	50 00
G O Reynolds, part pay for services as col. 1869...	100 00
Rev. L. S. Parker, services as school committee, 1869	15 00
George I. Choate, services as selectman and extra expenses, 1869.....	101 00
George Shute do.....	81 40
Nathaniel H. Brown do.....	92 00
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	\$579 60

## GRAVE YARD.

March 1, 1870.

Paid James Taylor, services as sexton, care of hearse,&c	63 25
L. G. Goodwin, repair of grave yard tools ...	57
A. W. Sanborn & Co., winter hearse.....	150 00
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	\$213 82

## NON-RESIDENT HIGHWAY RECEIPTS.

March 1, 1870.

Paid on tax list of 1868.....	\$28 38
On tax list of 1869.....	65 35
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	\$93 73

## ALMS HOUSE,

March 1, 1870.

Paid Charles Choate, part of supt's salary, 1869.....	\$200 00
Charles Choate, bal, of do 1868.....	197 81
Amount drawn from Treasury by supt.....	50 00
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	\$447 81

## ABATEMENTS.

March 1, 1870.

Paid Gayton O. Reynolds on list of 1868 .....	\$113 54
Gayton O. Reynolds on list of 1869 .....	429 26
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	\$542 80

## STATIONERY.

March 1, 1870.

Paid Gayton O. Reynolds stamp for bond .....	\$1 00
Geo. W. Barker, town officer.....	2 50
William Leach, note book.....	2 00
Geo. I. Choate, stamp and stationery.....	3 50
William H. Fisk, town reports, stationery, &c.....	61 60
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	\$70 60

## GUIDE-BOARDS.

March 1, 1870.

Paid L. G. Goodwin, bolts for guide-posts .....	\$1 40
Geo. I. Choate, setting guide-posts.....	10 00
Couch & Underhill, lumber and sawing.....	15 45
David C. Palmer, making and setting guide-posts...	82 37
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	\$109 22

## MISCELLANEOUS.

March 1, 1870.

Paid G. Fogg, repair of parish hall lock.....	\$ 75
F. W. Gregg, repair of parish hall .....	1 75
William Farrow, repair of parish hall.....	12 61
Ebenezer Cogswell, care parish hall, tolling bell &c	18 75
Leonard Clark, wood for parish hall.....	7 00
Expense to pay State Tax, Concord.....	1 80
H. R. Underhill, in full for new pound.....	30 00
J. Kelley, surveying line between Derry and Chester	4 45
D. S. Clark, certificates of births and deaths.....	4 25
G. C. Bartlett, time and expenses obtaining copies of deeds of town farm.....	4 75
Expenses for legal advice .....	15 00
W. W. Poor, notice to selectmen of Windham, tak- ing affidavits, &c.....	4 50
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	\$105 61

## STATE TAX.

March 1, 1870.

Paid State tax.....	\$3.054 00
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## COUNTY TAX.

March 1, 1870.

Paid county tax.....	\$1,816 04
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## NOTES AND INTEREST PAID.

March 1, 1870.

Paid Interest on funded debt bonds .....	\$1,301 00
Mary Woodward, note and interest in full.....	841 92
Humphrey Choate, interest on note.....	33 54
Josephine A. Austin, note and interest in full.....	210 54
Jennette Humphrey, interest on note.....	19 36
John B. Taylor, note and interest in full.....	1,276 00
William B. Shute, note and interest in full.....	1,870 92
Mary Jane Whidden, interest on note.....	10 30
First Parish, interest on note.....	32 80
S. H. Quincy, note and interest in full.....	2,702 00
Sylvanus Brown, two notes and interest in full....	1,209 30
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	\$9,511 68

## SUMMARY.

Schools.....	\$1,377 78
Snow paths.....	9 40
Transient Poor.....	421 12
Roads and Bridges.....	297 27
Town officers.....	579 60
Grave yard.....	213 82
Non-resident highway tax receipts.....	93 73
Almshouse.....	447 81
Abatements.....	512 80
Books and Stationery.....	70 60
Guide-boards.....	109 22
Miscellaneous.....	105 61
State Tax.....	3,054 00
County Tax.....	1,816 04
Notes and Interest.....	9,511 86
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	\$18,650 48
Cash in treasury.....	3,325 01
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	\$21,975 49
Amount of receipts.....	21,975 49

## GAYTON O. REYNOLDS, COLLECTOR.

March 1, 1870.

DR.

To bal. uncollected taxes, list of 1867 Feb. 1869	\$396 80
Bal. uncollected taxes, list of 1868 Feb. 1869	559 76
Amount of tax list 1869.....	11,887 94
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	\$12,844 50

CR.

By bal. uncollected taxes, list of 1867.....	\$396 80
Amount paid town treasurer, list of 1868.....	559 76
Paid State tax, 1869.....	3,054 00
County tax, 1869.....	1,816 04
Town treasurer, 1869.....	6,043 50
Balance uncollected taxes, list of 1869....	974 40
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	\$12,844 50



## BALANCE SHEET.

March 1, 1810. Town of Derry Dr.

To Amount of Funded Debt .....	\$24,450 00
Notes Payable.....	8,292 22
Interest on notes to March 1, 1870.....	803 93
Amount due school dist. No. 4 S. H. tax.	40 77
	<hr/> \$33,586 92

Cr.

By amount of uncollected taxes, list of 1867	\$396 80
Amount of uncollected taxes, list of 1869	974 40
Amount of cash in treasury.....	3,325 01
* Balance being amount of town debt....	28,890 71
	<hr/> \$33,586 92

GEO. I. CHOATE,

GEORGE SHULE,

N. H. BROWN,

*Selectmen of Derry.*

DERRY, February 23, 1870

This certifies I have carefully examined the foregoing accounts as presented by the selectmen, and find the same correctly cast and satisfactory vouchers corresponding thereto.

GEO. W. DICKEY, *Auditor.*

## REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER.

## SCHEDULE OF NOTES PAYABLE.

April 25, 1866, Susan M. Johnson,	\$100 00,	Int. p'd to Ap'l, 1868.
Jan. 1, 1867, Ithamer Hubbard,	300 00,	No endorsement.
Feb. 1, 1865, John Patten,	200 00,	" "
Feb. 3, 1865, Joseph Leach,	100 00,	" "
Feb. 20, 1869, Hiram Sargent,	1,175 28,	" "
Jan. 15, 1870, 1st Parish in Derry,	3,400 00,	" "
Jan. 1, 1869, Gerge Warner,	146 33,	" "
Sept. 24, 1868, Lilly Cochrane,	74 44,	" "
Dec. 12, 1866, Jerusha Kelley,	387 00,	" "
Nov. 15, 1869, Robert T. Chase,	419 17,	" "
May 6, 1867, Humphrey Choate,	200 00,	Int. p'd to Feb. 1870.
Sept. 1, 1865, James A. Dix,	390 00,	No endorsement.
Aug. 1, 1864, Alexis Proctor,	400 00,	" "
Aug. 14, 1866, Marshall Merriam,	500 00,	" "
Sept. 21, 1866, Richard Melvin,	500 00,	Int. p'd to Sept. 1868.

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\$8,292 22

Interest on above, t Mar. 1, 1870 803 93

Funded debt ..... 24,450 00

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\$33,546 15



WILLIAM LEACH, Treasurer, in account with town of Derry:

March 1, 1870.

Dr.

To cash received of G. W. Barker, Mar., '69,...	\$3 560 34
note of John Dickey, rec'd of G. W. Barker	163 75
interest on above note.....	1 31
cash received from taxes of banks.....	27 97
Johnson note received of Selectmen .....	100 00
cash received of Selectmen.....	6,608 82
cash rec'd of G. O. Reynolds, list of 1868...	559 76
" " " 1869...	6,043 50
interest on taxes....	40 00

\$17,105 45

Cr.

By paid orders of Selectmen...	\$13,780 44
cash on hand.....	3,335 01

\$17,105 45

WILLIAM LEACH,  
Treasurer of Town of Derry.

I have this day examined the foregoing report of the Town Treasurer, and find the accounts correctly cast and proper vouchers for all disbursements.

Derry, March, 1, 1870.

GEO. W. DICKEY, Auditor,

Invoice of Stock and Produce at Almshouse, Feb. 16, 1870.

1 horse,	\$50 00	Butter, 10.80; pickles, 2,	12 80
2 oxen,	230 00	Apples, 3; Candles, 1.20,	4 20
9 cows,	500 00	Vinegar, 25; cider, 25,	50 00
3 hogs,	90 00	Soap, 13; pork, 36,	49 00
2 sheep,	10 00	Ham, 12.80; beef, 5,	17 80
10 fowls,	5 00	Lard, 12; flour, 7,	19 00
26 tons hay,	572 00	Molasses, 1.40; sugar, 1,	2 40
1 ton oat straw,	8 00	Tea, .50; coffee, .50,	1 00
1 ton shorts,	12 00	Wool, 2; eggs, .90,	2 90
Oats, 24.50; buckweat, 4,	28 50	Lumber,	5 00
Corn, 75; fire wood, 75,	150 00		
Beans, 15; Potatoes, 50,	65 00		
Vegetables,	15 00		
			<u>\$1 899 60</u>

ALMS HOUSE IN ACCOUNT WITH TOWN.

Dr.

February 16, 1870.

To invoice of stock and produce, 1869.....	\$1,896 45
amount due from H. P. Hood...	133 14
" " County.....	16 00
amount of Superintendent's salary.....	300 00
amount of bills paid by Superintendent....	690 55

\$3,036 14

## CR.

By invoice of stock and produce, 1870.....	\$1,897 60
cash received from products sold.....	635 09
“ “ County.....	213 39
amount due from E. G. Shute.....	7 00
“ “ H. P. Hood.....	173 01
value of improvements.....	100 00
Balance against Alms House.....	8 05
	<hr/> \$3,036 14

We hereby submit our report of the financial affairs of the town for the past year.

At the closing of the accounts last year, the amount of town debt was \$31,203.41 and at this date \$28,890.71 making during the past year a reduction of the debt to amount of 2,312.70.

In addition to the above there has been paid as unusual expenses \$434.35 for Guide-boards, Winter Hearse and repairs of Fordway bridge.

The Abatement of taxes, has been increased to amount of \$292.96, being the taxes on town bonds.

The Selectmen are compelled by law to tax the bonds, but by the obligation of the bonds, are required to pay five per cent interest over and above all taxes on the same.

The balance of uncollected taxes on list of 1867 is the amount of taxes assessed upon stock in the Derry National Bank, the payment of which has thus far been refused.

The Improvements at Almshouse consist of new tools purchased, as also stock for painting outside of house and end out-buildings, and of wall built.

GEO. I. CHOATE,  
GEORGE SHUTE,  
NATHANIEL H. BROWN,

*Selectmen of Derry.*

# SCHOOL REPORT.

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## DISTRICT NO. 1.

Summer Term, 16 weeks, taught by Miss Lucy J. Priest. This school was a failure. Miss Priest who is an efficient teacher and who had succeeded well with former schools, was unable to overcome the spirit of insubordination that reigned supreme in this one. This lack of success can in no way be attributed to the teacher who labored faithfully and earnestly for the good of the school. Winter Term of 10 weeks, was taught by Mr. Ellis J. Underhill. This was Mr. Underhill's first school and he brought freshness and an energy, the effect of which soon showed themselves in an entire change in the appearance of the school. The pupils soon fell into industrious and orderly habits, and did themselves and their teacher credit through the entire term. There were no cases of corporal punishment.

## DISTRICT NO. 2.

The school in this district is divided into three terms. The first term was conducted by Miss Josephine W. Bradford, who kept nine weeks. The school during this term was visited by Rev. J. S. Parker, who reported a good school. The second term (summer) and winter term were taught by Miss Elvira Page, who taught the winter term in this district last year. Miss Page succeeded admirably both in teaching and discipline, and completely won the respect of her pupils. Great progress was made in all the classes during the winter term.

## DISTRICT NO. 3.

Miss Sarah E. Clark taught both during the summer and fall terms, in all, eighteen weeks. The summer term was visited by Rev. Mr. Parker and was reported by him as successful. Good progress was made in study by the pupils during the fall term.

## DISTRICT NO. 4.

Miss Louisa B. Adams, teacher during both the summer and winter terms. Summer term was visited by Rev. Mr. Parker, who reported "the school promises very well." Miss Adams worked with energy and faithfulness, and during the second term, perfect order. Fair progress was made in the various branches of study.

## DISTRICT NO. 5.

Miss Luella E. Campbell teacher for both the summer and fall terms, in all sixteen weeks. This was Miss Campbell's first attempt at teaching, she secured good order and awakened a fair degree of interest in study.

## DISTRICT NO. 6.

Lizzie K. Hall teacher for both the summer and fall terms. The summer term was visited by Rev. Mr. Parker who reported favorably. The fall term was characterized by thoroughness and a rigid drill in the studies. The closing examination was very satisfactory.

## DISTRICT NO. 7.

Miss Alice A. Harmon, teacher, during the Summer Term of nine weeks. The school was visited at the beginning of the term by Rev. Mr. Parker. Miss Harmon gave good satisfaction in the district, and the school appeared well at the close of the term.

The Winter Term of school was taught by Mr. Jos. W. Bean. The length of the school this term was eleven weeks. Mr. Bean early in the term succeeded in securing good order in the school without rod or ferule. Studious habits were formed, ideas awakened, and the closing examination witnessed to a very satisfactory advancement.

## DISTRICT NO. 8.

Miss Ida J. Mullins teacher during the Summer Term of eleven weeks. The closing examination of the school this term showed on the part of Miss Mullins a rare capacity for teaching, and tact in governing. The school, though small in numbers, was a very profitable one.

The Winter Term of seven weeks was kept by Mr. Thomas Savage. The school during the winter was nearly twice as large



as it was in the summer. There were many "big little boys" who had in former times trampled upon the authority of their teachers, and thus tarnished the one fair fame of "District No. 8." But these juveniles found their match in their energetic "master," and were found to yield to the "powers that be;" and out of chaos came at last order that reigned supreme. This was Mr. Savage's first attempt at school teaching, and he fully proved himself "master of the situation."

#### DISTRICT NO. 9.

Miss Fannie M. Webster was the teacher during both the Summer and Fall Terms.—in both ten weeks. This was in all respects a model school, doing credit to both teacher and pupils. Miss Webster's reputation as a teacher is too well established in this town to render further comment necessary.

#### DISTRICT NO. 11.

Miss Ellen L. Kimball, teacher. The school in this district was comprised in one term of eleven weeks. Rev. Mr. Parker visited the school at the beginning of the school. This school is rather backward, but made a commendable degree of progress during this term.

#### DISTRICT NO 12.

Miss Mary D. Webster taught this school during the Summer and Fall terms—in all fifteen weeks. This was Miss Webster's first experience in teaching, and she succeeded in securing the good will of her scholars. The closing examination bore witness to her faithfulness as a teacher. She has not mistaken her calling.

In concluding this report it may be befitting to state that the text books that have been in use for a number of years in the schools of this town ought to be exchanged for the more modern ones. This necessity is felt more particularly in regard to the reading books, the spelling books, the geographies and the grammars. A partial exchange has been effected through the adoption of Hillard's series of Readers, Worcester's Comprehensive Spelling Book and Guyot's Series of Geographies. These were put in to such of the schools as were keeping in the fall and winter terms. It is expected that the proposed exchange will be completed throughout the schools in town early in the next summer term.

A few suggestions concerning the two frequent change of teachers prevalent in this town may not be out of place. It is hardly possible to estimate the harm done to the pupils by this in-



judicious practice. Provided the teachers are of equal merit, no two can instruct in precisely the same manner and when a new teacher enters a school the term is generally far spent before he can get the pupils into habits of study and recitation conformable to his ideas. By these frequent changes the scholar is embarrassed and perplexed, and thus term after term passes on without his really adopting any permanent plan of study. The remedy for this evil must at once suggest itself to every one. Let the best teachers be procured and retained even at the sacrifice of a few extra dollars. With the accompanying Statistical Table this report is respectfully submitted.

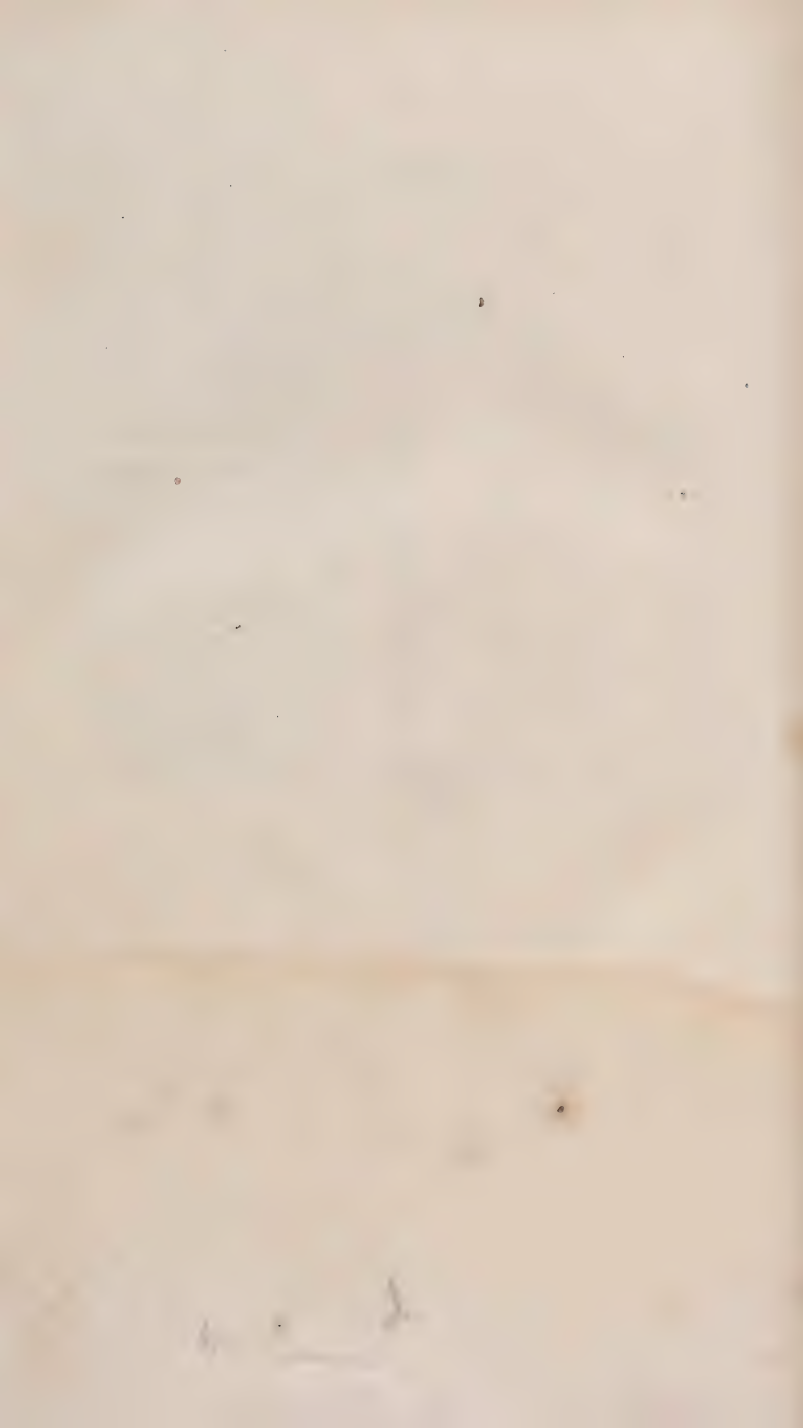
D. S. CLARK.

*School Committee.*

## STATISTICS.

No. District.	Summer and Winter.	Names of the teachers	Wages per month.	No. weeks of school.	Whole No. of scholars	Attendance per cent.	Amount of school Money expended.	Prudential Committee
1	{ Summer	Lucy J. Priest.	\$26 00	16	46	85	\$237 90	Robt Rogers.
	{ Winter	Ellis J. Underhill.	35 00	16	57	77		
2	{ Summer	Miss J. W. Bradford	28 00	9	50	84	261 18	L. Brickett.
	{ Winter	Elvira Page.	32 00	7	50	92		
3	{ Summer	Sarah E. Clark.	20 00	8	21	76	65 22	J. R. Clark.
	{ Fall	Sarah E. Clark.	20 00	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	14	86		
4	{ Summer	Louisa B. Adams.	23 00	9	33	85	110 60	Geo. Shute.
	{ Winter	Louisa B. Adams.	27 00	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	37	89		
5	{ Summer	Luella E. Campbell	18 00	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	26	84	62 90	John Palmer
	{ Fall	Luella E. Campbell	20 00	10	31	80		
6	{ Summer	Lizzie K. Hall.	20 00	6	23	81	71 47	G. Moors, d
	{ Fall	Lizzie K. Hall.	20 00	6	22	83		
7	{ Summer	Alice A. Harmon.	20 00	9	33	78	135 26	D. M. Emery
	{ Winter	Joseph W. Bean.	35 00	11	27	79		
8	{ Summer	Ida J. Mullins.	26 00	8	18	90	142 97	G. H. Adams
	{ Winter	Thomas Savage.	40 00	7	32	87		
9	{ Summer	Fannie M. Webster.	22 00	8	18	85	68 73	J. E. Webster
	{ Fall	Fannie M. Webster.	22 00	8	20	85		
*10							26 20	T. R. Robie.
11	{ Summer	Ellen L. Kimball.	26 00	11	25	72	83 26	
12	{ Summer	Mary D. Webster.	17 00	9	9	76	66 61	W. Leland.
	{ Fall	Mary D. Webster.	17 00	6	7	90		

\* Classes with Londonderry.













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